



## Communiqué

### Fourteenth meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia 24 November 2010

The Chiropractic Board of Australia (the Board) is established under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009* (National Law).

#### Renewals

The Board encourages all chiropractors whose registration is due for renewal to apply early. If your registration is due to expire soon and you have not received a renewal form, please contact AHPRA through the online inquiry form at [www.chiropracticboard.gov.au](http://www.chiropracticboard.gov.au) or by telephone on 1300 419 495. The Board is putting in place strategies to respond quickly to any issues which arise in the renewal process, but encourages all chiropractors to act early to ensure their registration is maintained.

#### Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

The Board has continued work on implementing its new requirements for the assessment of formal learning activities. The new process requires practitioners' formal learning activities to be assessed and approved by a Board-approved body (including quantum of hours). The Board has approved the Chiropractors' Association of Australia (National) Limited (CAAN) and the Chiropractic and Osteopathic College of Australasia (COCA) as the approved bodies to assess and approve formal learning activities for CPD. The Board agreed to modify the assessment criteria for formal learning activities and the revised version will shortly be published on the Board's website at [www.chiropracticboard.gov.au](http://www.chiropracticboard.gov.au). The Board is currently undertaking a pilot of the new process, which will be implemented from 1 January 2011. In the meantime, the approved bodies will continue to apply their existing assessment processes and fees.

#### Experts and mentors

The Board further developed a list of experts and mentors used by previous state and territory chiropractors' registration boards for reference by AHPRA and the Board's Notifications and Registration Committee.

#### Advertising and chiropractors' websites

The Board is receiving increasing numbers of enquiries about chiropractic advertising and websites. These focus on concerns about claims of effectiveness and advice about vaccinations. This is an issue for the community and the Board is expecting that focus on these issues will increase in 2011. We remind all chiropractors to review their advertising – including the content of their websites - as a priority, to ensure that the content meets the advertising requirements of the National Law and the provisions of the Board's Guidelines on Advertising.

As previously advised, there are penalties for breaching section 133 of the National Law. The Advertising Guidelines are common across the 10 regulated health professions and are published on the Board's website at [www.chiropracticboard.gov.au](http://www.chiropracticboard.gov.au).

## Communicating with you

The Board discussed communicating with registered chiropractors and is planning to write to chiropractors to highlight key Board documents and issues early in 2011. The Board again encourages registered chiropractors to provide their email address to AHPRA to enable efficient and cost effective communication with the Board. When you receive your registration renewal letter including your user id and password from AHPRA, please log in and add your email address to your contact details, so we can communicate with you directly. The Board is aware that registered practitioners are busy professionals and will only use email communication appropriately.

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