



Communiqué

Fifteenth meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia 15 December 2010

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

This communiqué highlights key issues from the Board's last meeting. At each meeting, the Board considers a wide range of issues, many of which are routine and are not included in this communiqué.

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 or by telephone on 1300 419 495.

The Board has established a fast track process 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. If you do not renew, your registration will lapse one month after your renewal date and you will not be able to practise until you are registered again.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

The Board has completed work on the new requirements for the assessment of formal learning activities to enable practitioners to meet the Board's CPD requirements. 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 final version of the assessment criteria for formal learning activities will shortly be published on the Board's website at www.chiropracticboard.gov.au. The new requirements will apply from 1 January 2011.

Experts and mentors

The Board continued to work on its 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.

Consultation process

The Board will be providing an opportunity for feedback on its consultation processes early in 2011. Information about the consultation processes will be published at www.chiropracticboard.gov.au.

Student registration

The Board considered work to prepare for student registration in 2011. AHPRA will work directly with education providers to register students enrolled in the 2011 academic year and will seek lists of enrolled students at the end of March 2011. Individual students do not need to do anything directly to become registered with their National Board in the national registration and accreditation scheme. More information about student registration is available on the Board's website at www.chiropracticboard.gov.au.

Best wishes from the Board

The Board thanks chiropractors and its stakeholders for working with the Board in 2010, through a period of significant change. The Board wishes chiropractors and its stakeholders a happy and safe holiday period and looks forward to working with you again in 2011.

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