



Communiqué

29 April 2010

The Board would like to highlight the two following matters considered at its April meeting. The Board will publish a more detailed Communiqué in relation to further matters considered at the April meeting in the next week.

April Mail-Out

The Board will send a letter and a two-part form to all registrants in the next two weeks. The Board urges all chiropractors to read this carefully. It will explain each practitioner's registration from 1 July 2010 and will detail the information that will appear on the online national Register of Chiropractors. The letter will ask practitioners to do three things:

- Read Part 1 of the form to make sure their contact details with their current Board are up to date. Update these as necessary with existing State and Territory Boards.
- Read Part 2 of the form to make sure there are no errors in the registration information proposed for each practitioner from 1 July and provide feedback as detailed on the form.
- Go to www.chiropracticboard.gov.au to become familiar with the new obligations for all practitioners from 1 July 2010.

Codes and guidelines

The Board received more than 200 submissions about the draft Codes and Guidelines circulated for consultation in March 2010. The Board thanks everyone who provided comment for participating in this important consultation process.

The Board has now considered the feedback and noted the specific concerns raised in relation to the Code of Practice. Key themes in the feedback included the limited consultation time, the tone of the Code, the level of detail and the relative purpose of the Code of Conduct and the Code of Practice.

The Board is developing a refined single Code of Conduct for Chiropractic, based on the common draft Code of Conduct with some elements of the draft Code of Practice. The refined draft Code of Conduct for Chiropractic will balance the feedback provided in the consultation process with the Board's regulatory responsibility to protect the public. There will not be a separate Code of Practice.

The revised draft Code of Conduct for Chiropractic will be released on the Board's website for further comment by 7 May 2010. The Board must ensure a final Code of Conduct for Chiropractic is in place by 1 July 2010. As a result, the consultation period will again be limited and comments will be required by **22 May 2010**. The Board encourages all interested practitioners to participate in the next consultation phase.

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