



Communiqué

Sixteenth meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia 25 February 2011

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.

Student chiropractors

The Board agreed to write to universities providing chiropractic courses to ask them to highlight to students the importance of fully disclosing their criminal history when applying for registration, as criminal history checks are done on all applicants for general registration. This initiative complements the work underway to establish the Student Registers required under the National Law. The Board determined that chiropractic students will be registered from the first year of their course. Information about student registration, including what is required of education providers and the impact on students is published on the [AHPRA website](#).

English Language Skills Registration Standard

The Board decided that to satisfy the requirement in its English Language Skills Registration Standard for completion of secondary education in English, at least the final two years of secondary education must be completed in English in one of the countries listed in the Registration Standard.

The Board encourages students with any doubt about their compliance with the Registration Standard to seek advice from AHPRA, allowing enough time to enable them to undertake a language test as specified in the standard and provide results if required for their application for registration.

Notifications and Registration Committee

The Board reviewed delegations to its Notifications and Registration Committee to give the Committee delegations to make almost all decisions affecting notifications and registrations about individual chiropractors. The Board also agreed to some changes to the Committee's terms of references.

Limited registration

The Board considered feedback from consultation on its proposed registration standards for limited registration. The Board will undertake further work to finalise the draft standards for consideration by Ministerial Council.

New FAQs

The Board will shortly publish more FAQs to address questions from the profession, particularly in relation to advertising issues.

Experts, mentors and panel members

The Board continued work on lists of experts and mentors. It agreed to seek information including CVs from experts and mentors to be on the Chiropractic Board of Australia's lists.

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