



Communiqué

Meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia held on 16 December 2011

The Chiropractic Board of Australia (the Board) is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009 (National Law). The December 2011 meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 16 December 2011 at the AHPRA National Office in Melbourne. This meeting was the final meeting to be held for 2011.

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.

Renewal of registration

The Board noted that the due date for renewals was 30 November 2011 and as of that date well over 90% of practitioners have renewed their registration. The vast majority of practitioners took advantage of the online renewal facility and the Board has received positive feedback about this service.

Those practitioners who did not renew by 30 November have until 31 December to renew their registration. Any renewals during this time will be subject to a late fee.

Practitioners who fail to renew by 30 December will have their names removed from the Register of Chiropractors. This means that their registration will lapse and they will not be able to practise in Australia until a new application is approved.

Further information on renewal of registration can be found on the Board's website at www.chiropracticboard.gov.au.

Limited Registration Teaching and Research and Public Interest

The Board considered the feedback provided from the public consultation on their proposed *Registration standards for limited registration teaching & research and limited registration public interest*. The Board will now make some final amendments before sending these proposed standards to Ministerial Council for approval.

Code of Conduct Review

The Board is considering the recommendations for changes made by their Policy, Codes, Guidelines and Standards Committee. The Board hopes to be able to publish a revised *Code of Conduct for Chiropractors* for public consultation by July 2012. All practitioners as well as community members will be welcomed to provide feedback as part of the consultation process.

Survey

The Board is conducting a survey and invites all practitioners to participate. The survey is designed to ascertain practitioner views on a range of topics and relevant issues to registered practitioners. The results of the survey will be invaluable to assist the Board in better communicating and engaging with the profession.

A number of emails will be sent out offering an opportunity for practitioners to contribute. Those practitioners who do not have email details on file will be sent hard copy surveys.

All responses are anonymous and treated in accordance with the Information Privacy Act 2000.

Update your Details

To update your contact details held by AHPRA, go online at www.ahpra.gov.au, click online services, use your unique contact number (User ID) and follow the prompts. Your User ID, included in AHPRA correspondence to practitioners, is not your registration number. If you do not have your User ID, complete an online enquiry form, selecting 'User ID' as the category of enquiry or by calling 1300 419 495

Season's Greetings

The Board would like to wish all practitioners, stakeholders and their families and loved ones a safe and happy holiday season and looks forward to working together in 2012.

Further information

Further information about the Board can be found on the Board's website at: www.chiropracticboard.gov.au and practitioners are encouraged to refer to the site for news and updates on Policy and Guidelines affecting their profession. The Board reminds practitioners to make sure the contact details they have given to AHPRA are up to date and include a current email address so they can receive important updates, such as renewal reminders.

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