



Communiqué

The March meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia (the National Board) was held on 23 March 2012 at the Australian Health Practitioner Regulatory Agency (AHPRA) Queensland Office in Brisbane. This communiqué highlights key issues from this meeting.

At each meeting, the Board considers a wide range of issues, many of which are routine and are not included in this communiqué.

The Board publishes this communiqué on its website and emails it to a broad range of stakeholders. Please forward it on to colleagues and employees who may be interested in the work of the Board.

Code of Conduct

The Board will shortly the preliminary consultation phase in relation to the revised *Code of Conduct for Chiropractors*. This phase of consultation will be with government and national bodies. The profession, members of the public and state based and community groups will be consulted for feedback in the next phase of consultation.

Newsletter

The Board approved the publication of its second newsletter. The Board noted that the Newsletter will only be circulated in electronic format, and members of the profession are encouraged to circulate it to those members who do not have internet access. The Boards newsletter can be downloaded from the *News* section of the Board's website (www.chiropracticboard.gov.au).

Registration applications now open for four more professions

Registration applications are now open for practitioners in the four professions joining the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme) in July. From 1 July 2012, the following professions must be registered with their National Board to practise anywhere in Australia:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner
- Chinese medicine practitioner¹
- Medical radiation practitioner, and
- Occupational therapist.

Registration application forms for practitioners in these professions who intend to practise after 1 July are published on each National Board website through www.ahpra.gov.au.

The National Board encourages optometrists to help spread this important message and to refer anyone with questions to the website.

Conclusion

The Board publishes a range of information about registration and the Board's expectations of practitioners on its website at www.chiropracticboard.gov.au or www.ahpra.gov.au.

¹ Including Chinese medicine practitioners, acupuncturists, Chinese herbal medicine practitioners, oriental medicine practitioners and Chinese herbal dispensers.

For more detail or with questions about your registration please send an [online enquiry form](#) or contact AHRPA on 1300 419 495.

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