



## Communiqué

The August meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia (the National Board) was held on 24 August 2012 at the Australian Health Practitioner Regulatory Agency (AHPRA) State Office in Adelaide. This communiqué highlights key issues from this meeting.

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

The National 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 National Board.

### Registration standards

The National Board received advice from Ministerial Council approving the National Boards proposed registration standards for *Limited registration public interest* and *Limited registration teaching and research*. These standards are now available on the National Board's website at [www.chiropracticboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards.aspx](http://www.chiropracticboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards.aspx).

### Consultations

The National Board have a number of items at various stages of consultation. Public consultation on the common policy around international criminal history checks has just been completed. A draft common policy on social media and a Board specific guideline on supervision are currently at the preliminary consultation phase. The National Board hopes that these items will be available for public consultation in the next few months.

Public consultation has now been commenced on the revised '*Code of Conduct for Chiropractors*' and '*Guidelines on Clinical Record Keeping*'. These documents will soon be available on the National Boards website under the *News* tab.

Consultation feedback closes on 26 October for both of these documents.

### Accreditation

In accordance with the provisions of the National Law, the National Board has sought a submission from the Council of Chiropractic Education Australasia about the continuance of their function as the National Board's accreditation authority. The National Board is now commencing a preliminary consultation in relation to this submission with a view to public consultation in the next few months.

### Health Professions Agreement

Under the National Law, the National Board and AHPRA work in partnership to implement the National Scheme, each with specific roles, powers and responsibilities set down in the National Law.

The National Board and AHPRA have an agreement that both funds and formalises the relationship between the National Board and AHPRA. The National Board and AHPRA have now finalised the terms of the 2012/13 *Health Profession Agreement*.

In the interests of transparency and accountability, the National Board and AHPRA will, for the first time publish the *Health Profession Agreement* that outlines the services that AHPRA will provide to the National Board in 2012/13.

The published agreement should soon be available under the *About* tab of the National Board's website.

### Agency Management Committee appointments

The Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council recently announced appointments to the AHPRA Agency Management Committee. All five current members have been re-appointed and three new members have been appointed. The appointment terms range from 12 months to three years, allowing for future staggered appointments to balance renewal with experience. All the appointments commence on 3 September 2012. Ministers have issued a Communiqué on the appointments and AHPRA has released a brief media statement, both of which are [published on the AHPRA website](#).

### Conclusion

The National Board publishes a range of information about registration and the National Board's expectations of practitioners on its website at [www.chiropracticboard.gov.au](http://www.chiropracticboard.gov.au) or [www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au).

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

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