



## Communiqué

The December meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia (the National Board) was held on 14 December 2012 at the AHPRA National Office in Melbourne. 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.

### Season's Greetings

This meeting was the last for 2012 and it affords the National Board an opportunity to reflect on the previous 12 months. The National Board would like to extend season's greetings to everyone who has supported the Board in its work during 2012 and the National Board looks forward to another successful year in 2013.

### Standards, guidelines and codes

The public consultation on the revised *Code of conduct for chiropractors* and *Guidelines on clinical record keeping* has closed. The National Board is now in the process of reviewing and considering the feedback provided. The National Board wishes to thank all stakeholders who provided their feedback in relation to these items and is grateful for their interest in the work of the National Board.

### Current consultations

Public consultation is underway on the National Board's *Guidelines for the supervision of chiropractors*. All feedback is welcome through the consultation period, which closes on 4 January 2013

Preliminary consultation has commenced in relation to *Guidelines for Advertising*, *Guidelines for Mandatory Reporting* and the *Social media policy*. These documents are common documents to most National Boards and consultation is being undertaken in a coordinated manner. Public consultation on these documents will follow sometime in 2013

### Review of Accreditation Arrangements

The National Board has just completed public consultation on a decision to renew accreditation arrangements for the National Board. The National Board's preliminary decision was to continue its engagement of the Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia to carry out accreditation functions under the National Law on behalf of the National Board.

The National Board will be reviewing the feedback from the consultation process with a view to making a decision early in 2013. The National Board would like to thank all of those who provided feedback during this process.

### Registration renewals

**Chiropractors across Australia are reminded that their registration was due for renewal on 30 November. Chiropractors who are yet to renew their registration may do so until 31 December 2012, but a late fee is payable for any renewals made after 30 November 2012.**

Over 95% of chiropractors renewed their registration before the due date and over 92% of them did so online.

Under the National Law, chiropractors who do not renew registration before 31 December 2012 must be removed from the National Register of Practitioners. Their registration will lapse and they will not be able to practise in Australia until a new application for registration is approved. There is no discretion for either the Board or AHPRA in this. A fast track re-registration process will be available during January 2013 to facilitate easy restoration to the register, but practitioners must not practice until their application has been approved.

Further information on renewal of registration can be found on the National Board's website at [www.chiropracticboard.gov.au](http://www.chiropracticboard.gov.au)

### Standards compliance audit

All health practitioners registered under the National Law are required to comply with a range of registration standards (that are developed after wide-ranging consultation and approved by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council).

AHPRA is currently developing an auditing framework to test compliance with standards through a practitioner audit project. As advised in previous communiqués, the second phase of the audit pilot is being run at registration renewal this year with the chiropractic, optometry, and pharmacy professions.

Chiropractors will be randomly selected when they apply to renew their registration for the 2012-13 period.

This will apply to both paper and online renewal applications.

There will be an information pack sent to those selected for the audit with additional information available on the AHPRA website [www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au) under *Registration*.

### Community Reference Group

AHPRA is establishing a Community Reference Group on behalf of all National Boards. The Community Reference Group will consist of ten members from the community who will provide input and advice on how AHPRA and the National Boards can engage the community more effectively. More information will be available on the AHPRA website in coming weeks

### 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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