



Communiqué

The September meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 20 September 2013 at the AHPRA National Office in Melbourne. This communiqué highlights the important issues from this meeting.

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.

Social media

The National Board has noted a rise in matters being brought to its attention that involve the use of social media such as Facebook, Twitter etc. The Board hopes to be able to publish cross-professional guidance in relation to social media in the coming months. In the interim, practitioners should note that the requirements for advertising as well as professional and ethical conduct apply to social media just as they do in any other context. The National Board expects that every practitioner should be familiar with and meet the standards set by the National Board.

Standards, guidelines and codes

The National Board continues its work on the routine, three-year review of its registration standards and supporting codes and guidelines in conjunction with other National Boards. Work is well underway on reviewing registration standards for continuing professional development, professional indemnity insurance and recency of practice. The National Board will be consulting on these progressively over the coming months.

The National Board has agreed to start consulting on Guidelines for the further education and training of chiropractors when required by the National Law. These guidelines aim to provide a framework for customised further education to take place when this is required under the National Law (for example as part of a conduct or disciplinary process). This guideline will advise about the responsibilities, processes and reporting requirements for such activities. This document will be available on the National Board's website in the coming weeks (www.chiropracticboard.gov.au)

Registration renewal

Chiropractors are due to renew their registration by 30 November each year. AHPRA will forward registration renewal information to chiropractors before this date. The first notices will go out by email in coming weeks.

In preparation for this, please check your contact details lodged with AHPRA through the Your Account tab on the top right of the AHPRA website. Email accounts should be set to receive communications from AHPRA and the Board to avoid misdirection to an account junk box.

To check your contact details, go to the Your Account tab as directed above, use your unique contact number (User ID) and follow the prompts. Your User ID 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

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 or 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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