

## Media release

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### 2012/13 National Scheme Annual Report published

The 2012/13 Annual Report of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and the National Boards has been published.

The report details the work of the National Boards and AHPRA in implementing the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme over the 12 months to 30 June 2013.

There are now more than 590,000 health practitioners registered to practise in Australia – an increase in all professions and more than ever before – with one in 20 working Australians a registered health practitioner.

‘The National Scheme has a significant impact on the lives of many Australians – directly on all health practitioners who are registered to practise, and indirectly through our work to protect public safety and maintain professional standards,’ AHPRA Agency Management Committee Chair Peter Allen said.

‘The ongoing, effective functioning of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme is a reflection of the partnership and collaboration between AHPRA and the National Boards,’ Mr Allen said.

For the chiropractic profession the report reveals that:

- 4,657 chiropractors were registered at the end of June 2013, an increase of 4.37 per cent since the previous year and an increase of 7.06 per cent since national registration data was first published in June 2011
- 72 notifications (concerns/complaints) were received about chiropractors, a decrease of 37 per cent from the previous year
- 71 notifications were closed by the end of June 2013, including 46 managed outside of NSW where there is a co-regulatory system<sup>1</sup>
- of the 46 notifications closed under the National Scheme, the Chiropractic Board of Australia determined:
  - to take no further action in 26 cases
  - that the case was to be retained and managed by the health complaints entity in the relevant state or territory in one case
  - that conditions be imposed on a chiropractor’s registration in 10 cases
  - to accept an undertaking from the chiropractor in two cases, and
  - to issue seven chiropractors with a caution.

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<sup>1</sup> NSW is part of the National Scheme but notifications about practitioners’ health, performance and conduct are handled by the [HCCC](#) and the NSW health professional councils supported by the [HPCA](#).

- two new registration standards were developed: limited registration in the public interest and limited registration teaching and research, and
- guidelines on clinical record keeping and the supervision of chiropractors were also published.

Chiropractic Board of Australia Chair, Dr Phillip Donato OAM, said effective and proportionate regulation was the constant goal of all National Boards.

'Every decision the Chiropractic Board of Australia makes is focussed on ensuring that the public have access to safe health care delivered by competent and ethical practitioners,' Dr Donato said.

'This report explains the work we do, and accounts to the community and the health professions about how we do it,' he said.

The annual report is published on the [AHPRA website](#) under *Legislation and publications*.

It includes a detailed report – including data – for the Chiropractic Board of Australia.

A media release about the report – with data across professions and jurisdictions – is published on the [AHPRA website](#).

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