

Communiqué

The February meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia (the National Board) was held on 22 February 2013 at the AHPRA NSW Office in Sydney. 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.

Planning

The National Board finalised its workplan for the year after considering it at a planning workshop in January. Elements of the workplan will be published as part of the next Health Profession Agreement between AHPRA and the National Board.

Standards, guidelines and codes

The National Board considered the public consultation feedback on the <u>Guidelines for the</u> <u>supervision of chiropractors</u> and agreed on a final version, which will be published on the National Boards website shortly. As with all codes and guidelines published by the National Board, this document is scheduled for review in three years time, or earlier if required.

Consultations

With other National Boards, the Board is moving towards public consultation on the *Guidelines for advertising*, *Guidelines for mandatory reporting*, and *Social media policy*. These documents are mostly common across most National Boards and consultation will be coordinated across those National Boards.

Accreditation

The National Board received advice about accreditation from the Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia in relation to the RMIT Bachelor of health science (chiropractic)/master of clinical chiropractic program. As a result the National Board has approved an extension of accreditation till 30 April 2014 for the Bachelor of health science (chiropractic)/master of clinical chiropractic program at RMIT University.

New South Wales Council of Chiropractic

Whilst meeting in Sydney the National Board also met with the NSW Council of Chiropractic. Under NSW law, the council handles all matters under Part 8 of the National Law (health, conduct and performance matters) in relation to practitioners in NSW. Issues around consultation, communication and consistency were discussed and commitment to ongoing meetings and regular dialogue was agreed.

Conclusion

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

For more detail or with questions about your registration please send an <u>online enquiry form</u> or contact AHRPA on 1300 419 495.

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