



## Communiqué

The January meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia (the National Board) was held on 17 January 2014 at the AHPRA National Office in Melbourne. This communiqué highlights key issues from the 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.

### Happy New Year

This meeting was the first of the New Year and the National Board would like to extend best wishes to all stakeholders and partners for 2014. This year is shaping up to be a busy one for the Board, with a heavy schedule of ongoing work involving the review of registration standards, as well as some new initiatives.

### Codes and guidelines

The National Board has now finalised its revision of:

1. *Code of conduct for chiropractors*
2. *Guidelines for advertising*
3. *Social media policy*, and
4. *Guidelines for mandatory reporting*.

The revised versions of the documents will be released in early February 2014 and will come into effect in mid-March 2014. To support the implementation of these new documents, the Chiropractic Board of Australia will hold information sessions for chiropractors across the country in the coming months. Practitioners will be advised by email when and where an information session will be held in their state or territory and how they can register for the session.

### Consultations

Along with other National Boards, the Board is moving towards public consultation on the revised registration standards for professional indemnity insurance, recency of practice and continuing professional development. This consultation process will be coordinated across the National Boards undertaking a review of the same standards.

### Registration renewals

Chiropractors registered in Australia were required to renew their registration by 30 November 2013, (or by 31 December 2013 in the late period when additional fees applied). Under the National Law, chiropractors who did not renew their registration by 31 December 2013 must be removed from the national register of practitioners. Their registration has lapsed and they are not able to practise in Australia until a new application for registration has been approved.

Neither the Board nor AHPRA have any discretion about this. A fast track re-registration process is available during January 2014 to facilitate restoration to the register, but practitioners must not practise 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).

Last year the National Board participated in the second audit pilot of the AHPRA audit of registration standard compliance. In the coming months AHPRA will again be randomly selecting some chiropractors to undertake an audit of their compliance with the National Board's registration standards.

An information pack was sent to those selected for the audit. Additional information is available under *Registration* on the AHPRA website: [www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au).

### 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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