



Communiqué

The January meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia (the National Board) was held on 21 February 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.

Codes and guidelines

The Chiropractic Board of Australia (the National Board) has released a suite of documents that will come into effect from 17 March 2014.

The documents contain important information and are the:

- revised *Guidelines for advertising regulated health services*
- revised *Guidelines for mandatory notifications*
- revised *Code of conduct for chiropractors*, and
- new *Social media policy*.

Chiropractors must now read and familiarise themselves with this guidance to ensure their practice meets National Board expectations.

The advertising and mandatory notifications guidelines and *Social media policy* are common across all National Boards and apply to all health practitioners registered under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme).

The *Code of conduct for chiropractors* is based on the common code of conduct shared by several other National Boards, with additional content relevant to the chiropractic profession.

The National Board will be holding information sessions about the revised obligations for chiropractors across the country in the coming months. Chiropractors will be advised by email on a state-by-state basis about the sessions for their state.

Further information about the new guidelines, *Social media policy* and revised *Code of conduct for chiropractors* is available on the National Board's website

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. More information about these consultations will be published on the website.

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).

Commencing in early March, AHPRA will again be randomly selecting chiropractors to undertake an audit of their compliance with the National Board's registration standards.

Chiropractors who are selected for audit will be sent an information pack, and additional information is available under *Registration* on the AHPRA website: www.ahpra.gov.au.

Strategic planning

The National Board has completed its planning for this year and will publish its strategic plan on the website in the next few 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 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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