



Communiqué

The May meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia (the National Board) was held on 23 May 2014. 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.

Accreditation

The National Board received and considered accreditation advice from the Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia (CCEA) in relation to the chiropractic programs at Macquarie University and Murdoch University. The Board agreed that these programs continue as 'approved programs' for the purpose of applying for registration as a chiropractor in Australia for the period recommended by CCEA. More information about approved programs of study can be found on the AHPRA website under education.

Consultations

Along with other National Boards, the National Board is now consulting on the revised registration standards for professional indemnity insurance, recency of practice and continuing professional development and two supporting guidelines for the registration standard on continuing professional development. The revised standards can be found on the [National Board's website](#) along with a response template.

The National Board welcomes feedback from all stakeholders to chiroconsultation@ahpra.gov.au. Consultation will close on 30 June 2014.

National Registration and Accreditation Scheme review

The Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council (AHMAC) has now published the terms of reference for the three-year review of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (National Scheme).

The three-year review will examine:

- the extent to which we are meeting the objectives and guiding principles of the National Scheme
- the operational performance of the National Scheme
- the National Law, including mandatory reporting, the Australian Health Workforce Advisory Council and new professions entering the scheme
- governance effectiveness, including within the National Scheme and with our key stakeholders, and
- the sustainability of the National Scheme, with a specific focus on new professions in the Scheme and funding for smaller professions.

For more information, visit the [News](#) section on the AHPRA website.

Advertising guidelines have been updated to make them clearer

The 14 National Boards, including the Chiropractic Board of Australia, have acted on the feedback they received about the *Guidelines for advertising regulated health services (Advertising guidelines)* that were released in March and have now published an update.

Anyone who advertises a regulated health service must meet the requirements of the National Law. This includes registered health practitioners, individuals who are not health practitioners and businesses.

No requirements have been added from the previous version, and the update has been in effect since 20 May 2014.

The updated *Advertising guidelines* were edited to make them clearer, particularly about that:

- under the National Law, testimonials are not allowed when advertising a regulated health service
- the obligations of the National Law about advertising only apply when a regulated health service is being advertised, and
- the National Law is not intended to stop members of the community and patients from discussing their experiences online or in person.

The National Boards would like to thank everyone who provided feedback on the guidelines. Whenever possible, this feedback was taken in to account and used to update the guidelines.

Much of the feedback that was received was about the ban on using testimonials in advertising a regulated health service. This is a requirement of the National Law, which is something National Boards are required to implement.

Panel member recruitment

The National Board is currently undertaking a recruitment project for practitioners who express an interest and meet the required criteria to be panel members to sit on professional standards panels. Please see the [National Board's website](#) for more details about this process.

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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