



Communiqué

The June meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia (the National Board) was held on 20 June 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.

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 chiroboardconsultation@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.

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.

Queensland – new arrangements for handling notifications from 1 July 2014

From 1 July 2014 a new law comes in to effect in Queensland, the *Health Ombudsman Act 2013*.

From this date, all complaints about Queensland health practitioners will be received by the Office of the Health Ombudsman (OHO) who will either manage the matters or refer them to the relevant National Board to manage.

Complaints that were made to AHPRA or National Boards before 1 July 2014 will generally continue to be managed by AHPRA as delegated by the National Boards. However, under the new law the OHO can request that a matter be referred to them to be managed. If this were to happen, AHPRA will inform both the notifier and the practitioner who is the subject of the notification.

For information about the Office of the Health Ombudsman please go to www.oho.qld.gov.au or call 133 646 (133 OHO).

To find out more about how notifications/complaints are managed nationally, please go to the [What is a notification?](#) page on the AHPRA website.

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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