



## Communiqué

The August meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia (the National Board) was held on 29 August 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.

### **A New Board Chair appointed and the South Australian practitioner member reappointed**

The Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council has appointed a new National Board Chair and reappointed the South Australian health practitioner member.

The Chiropractic Board of Australia welcomes the appointment of Dr Wayne Minter as the new Chair of the National Board. Dr Minter has been appointed as chair till 11 November 2016.

Dr Phillip Donato OAM completed his term and appointment as Chair and has now been reappointed to the Board for a third term as a practitioner member from South Australia for a period of three years to 30 August 2017 and looks forward to supporting the new chair in his role.

The National Board thanked Dr Donato, the outgoing Chair, for his leadership, dedication and hard work over the past 5 years, and congratulated him on his reappointment as a practitioner member.

For more information, please refer to the [Ministerial Council communiqué](#)

### **National Registration and Accreditation Scheme Annual Conference**

The fifth National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (National Scheme) combined meeting was held in Melbourne to coincide with the meetings of all National Boards this month. This meeting is a valuable opportunity for National Boards, accreditation authorities and NSW councils for all professions to meet and discuss regulatory issues. This year's meeting focussed on a number of topics including: risk based regulation, multiprofession approaches and the three year review.

### **National Boards consult on practitioners with blood borne infectious diseases**

The National Board together with the other National Boards is inviting feedback on guidelines on the regulatory management of health practitioners with blood borne infectious diseases. Under the draft guidelines, registered health practitioners with blood borne infectious diseases must comply with the Communicable Diseases Network of Australia (CDNA) guidance on this issue to ensure their practice does not compromise patient safety.

The National Boards have published a consultation paper, which is accessible from the National Board's [public consultation](#). The consultation is open until 26 September 2014.

### **Health Profession Agreement and fees**

The Health Profession Agreement (HPA) between the National Board and AHPRA has been finalised and will be published on the National Board's website shortly. It sets out the services that AHPRA will provide to support the National Board to support the regulation of chiropractors in Australia. The HPA will also provide information about the Board's financial operations and fees.

### Three year review

The scheduled review of the National Scheme after four years of operation has now commenced. A consultation paper has been publically released by Mr Kim Snowball who has been appointed by Ministers to lead this review. More information can be found at [www.ahmac.gov.au](http://www.ahmac.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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