



## Communiqué

The December meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 12 December 2014 at the AHPRA National Office in Melbourne. This communiqué highlights the important issues from this meeting.

At each meeting, the Board considers a wide range of issues, many of which are routine and are not included in this communiqué.

The 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.

### Season's Greetings

This meeting was the last for 2014 and it affords the National Board an opportunity to reflect on the previous year of work. The National Board would like to extend its thanks and season's greetings to everyone who has supported the Board in its work during 2014 and wish them all the best for 2015.

### Looking forward

The Board reflected that 2014 had again been extremely busy, with a significant amount of work related to revising codes, standards and guidelines. The Board hopes to seek approval of its revised standards and supporting guidelines by Ministers in 2015 and will meet over 2 days in January to finalise its workplan for next year and on into 2016.

### Continuing Professional Development: Audit on assessed formal learning activities

A working group appointed by the National Board has completed a random audit of the formal learning activities assessed by the recognised bodies and reviewed a random sample of 50 of the approximately 386 assessments known to the Board. A number of issues were noted throughout the process which have not only influenced improvements in the revised version of the CPD registration standard and supporting guidelines but also suggested further improvements in the process of assessing formal learning activities to ensure practitioners are undertaking CPD consistent with the expectations and requirements of the National Board. A small number of programs required adjustment or review by the relevant assessing body as a result of the audit. The National Board is continuing to work with the recognised bodies to refine and improve the current process of assessing formal learning content.

### Registration renewal

Chiropractors were due to renew their registration by 30 November. AHPRA has already forwarded registration renewal information to chiropractors.

If you didn't renew your registration on time, you can still renew until **31 December 2014**, but a late fee will apply. The quickest and easiest way to do this is [online](#).

Practitioners, who haven't renewed by 31 December 2014, will have their registration lapse. Their name will be removed from the public register. This means they must make a new application for registration and will **not be able to practise** until their application has been finalised and their registration details are updated on the national register.

Fast track application forms will be available on the Board's website under *Forms* or by phoning the AHPRA Customer Service Team on 1300 419 495 during January.

Chiropractors who do not want to renew their registration to keep practising can simply ignore the reminders from AHPRA or go online to 'opt out' of renewing. Using the 'opt out' service puts a stop to renewal reminders.

## 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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