



Communiqué

The January 2015 meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 23 January 2015 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.

Happy New Year

This meeting was the first of the New Year and the National Board would like to extend best wishes to all stakeholders and partners for 2015. This year is shaping up again to be a busy one for the Board, with a heavy schedule of ongoing work.

2015 planning

The Board finalised its planning for 2015. It is anticipated that the revised registration standards for continuing professional development (CPD), recency of practice and professional indemnity insurance (PII) will be considered by Ministers later this year. The Board is planning a series of workshops and webinars to support implementation of the revised standards once approved.

Standards compliance audit

All health practitioners registered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law), are required to comply with a range of registration standards. These standards were developed after wide-ranging consultation and have been approved by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council.

Last year the National Board participated in its second audit of registration standard compliance. In the coming months the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) will again be randomly selecting some chiropractors to undertake an audit of their compliance with the National Board's registration standards.

An information pack was sent to those selected for the audit. Additional information is available under *Registration* on the AHPRA website at www.ahpra.gov.au.

New approach to international criminal history checks

The Board noted a new procedure for checking international criminal history to provide greater public protection will be implemented by all National Boards and AHPRA from 4 February 2015.

This new approach requires [certain applicants and practitioners](#) to apply for an international criminal history check from an AHPRA approved supplier and was first announced in November last year. The supplier will provide the international criminal history check report to the applicant and directly to AHPRA.

The new process for checking international criminal history aims to strike a balance between public safety and regulatory burden for practitioners. More information is in the [media release](#) on the Board's website.

Registration renewal

Annual renewal of registration for chiropractors is due by 30 November. Chiropractors who did not renew registration by the end of the late period (31 December 2014) had their registration lapse.

Their name was removed from the online public register. This means chiropractors with lapsed registration must make a new application for registration. They cannot practise until their application has been finalised and their registration details are updated on the national register of practitioners.

Fast track application forms are available on the Board's website under Forms or by phoning the AHPRA Customer Service Team on 1300 419 495, but only during January.

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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