



Communiqué

The March 2015 meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 20 March 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.

2015 planning

The Board has put the finishing touches on its planning for the 2015/16 year. There are a number of projects the Board will be conducting including the revision of the Registration Standards for Limited Registration in the public interest and Limited Registration for teaching and research. The input of stakeholders will be requested for both of these projects and the Board asks that people be aware of and provide feedback when these opportunities arise.

Notifications

Notifications can be made about a health practitioner's [health, conduct or performance](#). Complaints can be made about a health practitioner to Health Complaints entities and in New South Wales to the Health Practitioners Council Authority, and in Queensland there is the now the Office of the Health Ombudsman.

The powers of the National Boards and AHPRA are set down in the National Law. Responding to notifications about the health, conduct or performance of health practitioners is one of the most important parts of our role in the National Scheme.

Keeping the public safe is the goal that guides the way we deal with each notification we receive. When we look at notifications, we consider whether the practitioner has failed to meet the standards set by the Board; and consider what needs to happen to make sure that the practitioner is aware of what has gone wrong and learns from this, so the same problem doesn't happen again. The Boards also consider if they need to limit the practitioner's registration in some way to keep the public safe.

There is a consistent process for managing notifications, but there is no uniform response as every notification is different. The fact that a notification has been made does not automatically affect a practitioner's ability to practise unless the notification indicates there is [a serious risk to public safety](#).

Further information on notification outcomes and hearing decisions is available 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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