



Communiqué

The May 2015 meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 22 May 2015 by teleconference. 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.

Budget and health profession agreement

Under the National Law¹, the National Boards and AHPRA work in partnership to implement the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme), each with specific roles and responsibilities.

The guiding principles of the National Law require the National Scheme to operate in a 'transparent, accountable, efficient, effective and fair way'.

Every year each of the National Boards and AHPRA publish a health profession agreement that details the fees payable by health practitioners, the annual budget of the National Board and the services provided by AHPRA that enable the National Boards to carry out their functions under the National Law.

In order to inform its review of the health profession agreement the Chiropractic Board reviewed and signed off on its 2015/16 budget and work plan. These documents will be published on the [Board's website](#) in the near future.

The Board was then able to review and agree to the health profession agreement for the 2015/16 financial year. The 2015/16 health profession agreement will be published on the [AHPRA website](#) under *Publications* in the near future.

Revised English language skills and criminal history registration standards in effect soon

AHPRA and the Board have published the contents of two revised registration standards – the [English language skills registration standard](#) and [criminal history registration standard](#) – and supporting materials to help practitioners understand the new requirements before they come into effect.

Both these standards were developed after a review of the current standards and public consultation. They are approved by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council.

The Board's website will be updated with the revised registration standards in coming weeks. Both standards come into effect from 1 July 2015.

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](#).

¹ The Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law)

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