

## Communiqué

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### October 2015 meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia

The Chiropractic Board of Australia (the Board) is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).

The Board meets each month to consider and decide on any matters related to its regulatory function within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme).

This communiqué aims to inform stakeholders of the work of the Board. Please forward it on to colleagues and employees who may be interested in its content.

#### **Reminder: renewal of registration for 2015/16**

The Board reminds chiropractors to renew their registration by the 30 November 2015 registration expiry date. Under the National Law, chiropractors are responsible for renewing their registration on time each year. Renewal applications received within a month after the expiry date will incur a late fee.

Those who do not renew their registration within one month of their registration expiry date must be removed from the Register of Chiropractors. Their registration will lapse and they will not be able to practise or work as a chiropractor in Australia until a new application for registration is approved.

A series of reminders to renew are being sent to practitioners by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), on behalf of the Board. The email reminders include a link to [online renewal](#). The Board encourages chiropractors to renew online and reminds them to make sure that AHPRA has their current contact information so that they receive future email and hard copy reminders to renew.

#### **Health professions agreement**

The Chiropractic Board of Australia (the Board) and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) have published the health profession agreement (HPA) for 2015/16.

The HPA sets out the partnership between the Board and AHPRA, and the services AHPRA will provide in supporting the Board to carry out its functions. The 2015/16 Chiropractic Board of Australia and AHPRA Health Profession Agreement is available on the [Health profession agreements](#) page of the Board's website.

The Board and AHPRA work together to implement the National Scheme regulating registered health practitioners in Australia, in the public interest.

#### **Position statement on paediatric care**

The Board has issued a revised [statement on paediatric care](#) that reminds chiropractors to stay abreast of international, peer-reviewed literature and provide evidence based and patient-centred care in order to manage the 'rare but real' risk posed by chiropractic care of children.

The statement reminds chiropractors that 'clinical experience alone is rarely adequate to support clinical decision-making that is contrary to current evidence and/or best practice' and reminds chiropractors that the Board holds them to account against the standards it sets.

## 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 information or help with questions about your registration please send an [online enquiry form](#) or contact AHPRA on 1300 419 495.

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