



## Communiqué

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### January 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.

#### January 2016 Board meeting

The Board met by teleconference for its January 2016 meeting. In addition to its routine regulatory matters, the Board considered a number of other issues.

#### Renewal of registration for 2015/16

Renewal of registration was due on 30 November 2015. Chiropractors who did not renew their registration by the due date could lodge a late application (and pay a late fee) to renew during December 2015. If you did not lodge a renewal application during this time then your registration has lapsed and you are no longer registered as a chiropractor in Australia.

As a result, even if you were registered with the Board in 2015, if you wish to practice, you are now required to complete a new application for general registration which can be downloaded from the [Registration section](#) of the Board's website.

You cannot practice chiropractic until your application for general registration has been processed by AHPRA, and your registration granted. The names of all registered chiropractors appear on the Register of Chiropractors. You can check your registration status on AHPRA's website under '[Check your health practitioner is registered](#)'.

#### Employer obligations

If you employ registered health practitioners, you have an important obligation to ensure that they hold current registration and that you understand your mandatory notification requirements under the National Law.

AHPRA has published [information](#) to help you understand and meet your obligations, which are designed to complement your recruitment requirements and processes. These materials state exactly what your obligations are and it is important that you are familiar with them.

#### Board approved mentors

The Board noted the need for more mentors to help it fulfil its primary role of protecting the public and decided to call for applications for appointment to the Board's list of approved mentors.

If you have at least three years current and recent practice experience, and you are interested in assisting the Board by undertaking performance assessments or providing a professional opinion in a focused area of practice, you are invited to apply for inclusion on the Board's list of approved mentors.

You can download an [application form](#) from the Board's website. Expressions of interest close Monday, 15 February 2016.

## Media issues

The Board noted the recent media issues related to possible misleading and deceptive advertising by some chiropractors. The Board devoted most of its [September 2015 newsletter](#) to this issue and will continue to work with AHPRA and the profession so that practitioners are clear about and comply with the requirements and expectations of the Board and the National Law.

## Health practitioner regulation: Learn how you're protected

A new video and an accompanying infographic explaining the Australia-wide scheme that is in place to protect members of the public was released by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) in December.

Both resources are available on the [What we do](#) page of the AHPRA website or read the [news item](#) on the Board website for more information. The video can also be watched on AHPRA's [YouTube channel](#).

## Chiropractic Board of Australia profession profile

The Board will soon publish a report of its work in the chiropractic profession in the National Scheme during 2014/15.

The report provides a profession-specific view of the Board's work to manage risk to the public. It is a profile of regulation at work for chiropractic in Australia for the 12 months ending 30 June 2015.

The data in this report are drawn from data published in the [2014/15 annual report](#) of AHPRA and the National Boards, reporting on the National Scheme, and will be available soon 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](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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