



## Communiqué

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### October 2016 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.

This meeting was held at the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) National Office Melbourne.

#### Health profession agreement

The Board and AHPRA have published the health profession agreement (HPA) for the period 1 July 2016 to 30 June 2020.

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. This agreement will be available on the [Health profession agreements](#) page of the Board's website in the near future.

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

#### Reminder: renewal of registration for 2016/17

The Board reminds chiropractors to renew their registration by 30 November 2016, the registration expiry date for general and non-practising registration. 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.

Chiropractors who do not renew registration within one month of their registration expiry date must have their name removed from the [national register of practitioners](#). 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 AHPRA, on behalf of the Board. The email reminders include links to [online renewal](#) and to a [video](#) which explains the process.

The Board encourages chiropractors to renew online and reminds them to make sure AHPRA has their current contact information to receive future email and hard copy reminders to renew.

#### Graduate applications for registration: Final-year students can apply online now

Chiropractic students who will soon complete an approved program of study can go online now to apply for general registration before they graduate.

Graduates need to be registered as a chiropractor with the Board before they start practising and must meet the Board's registration requirements.

The [online graduate application](#) service on the AHPRA website helps to smooth the path from study to work by enabling students to apply for registration four to six weeks before completing their course. All applicants must send some [supporting documents](#) to AHPRA by mail to complete their application.

### **Australian Health Ministers' communiqués published**

The Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council has published two communiqués after its most recent meeting, one highlighting the main topics of discussion at the recent COAG Health Council meeting and a second announcing the start of the reviewer for the Independent Review of Accreditation Systems within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme. Go to the [COAG Health Council website](#) to access this information.

The Board noted Ministers agreed to ask for information from the Board and AHPRA on evidence of any treatments provided by chiropractors that are not appropriately within the chiropractic scope of practice and may be harmful to patients and to advise on potential regulatory responses.

### **Are your contact details up-to-date?**

It is important that your contact details are up to date to receive renewal reminders from AHPRA and information from the Board. You can check your details via the [Login icon](#) at the top right of the AHPRA website. Email accounts need to be set to receive communications from AHPRA and the Board to avoid misdirection to an account junk box.

### **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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