



Communiqué

January 2017 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.

The January 2017 meeting was held by teleconference.

Happy New Year

This was the first meeting of the New Year and the Board extends its best wishes to all practitioners, stakeholders and partners for their continued interest during 2017. This year will be another busy one for the Board, with a large schedule of work to engage with stakeholders and chiropractors to help them better understand the Board and the National Law.

Central Queensland University

The Board considered the accreditation advice provided by the Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia (Ltd) about the Bachelor of Science (Chiropractic)/Master of Clinical Chiropractic at Central Queensland University (CQU) (Mackay Campus).

Consistent with this advice, and under s49 of the National Law the Board agreed to approve the Bachelor of Science (Chiropractic)/Master of Clinical Chiropractic at CQU University (Mackay Campus only) as a Board-approved program of study for registration as a chiropractor under the National Law until the approval expires on 30 November 2019 or is otherwise revoked.

Health workforce dataset released

AHPRA in conjunction with the National Boards is responsible for the national registration process for 14 health professions. A subset of data from this annual registration process, together with data from a workforce survey that is voluntarily completed at the time of registration, forms the National Health Workforce Dataset (NHWDS).

The NHWDS includes demographic and professional practise information for registered health professionals and is de-identified before it can be made publically available.

The NHWDS Allied Health 2015 data has recently been released as a series of fact sheets on each allied health profession, and on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander practitioners across all allied health professions - the *NHWDS Allied Health Fact Sheets 2015*. They were published on a new look website – the [Health Workforce Data website](#) – by the Commonwealth Department of Health.

The fact sheets present information specific to each profession, such as information relating to scope of practice, specialties and endorsements where applicable.

Aggregate data is also accessible via the [Health Workforce Data Online Data Tool \(ODT\)](#).

The data include is generated through Workforce Surveys, which are provided by AHPRA on behalf of the Department of Health to all health professionals as part of their yearly re-registration. Each survey is slightly different and is tailored to obtain data specific to that profession.

You can find the fact sheet on the chiropractic profession [here](#).

Renewal of registration for 2016/2017

Renewal of registration was due on 30 November 2016. 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 2016. 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, if you wish to practise, you now need to complete a new application for general registration is available on the [Registration section](#) of the Board's website.

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

Local insights, National Scheme: State and territory summaries published

Individual annual report summaries for each state and territory, offering insights into how the National Scheme is operating in each jurisdiction, have now been published.

Based on the AHPRA and National Boards annual report for 2015/16, the summaries are available [online on AHPRA's website](#).

Information includes applications for registration by profession, outcomes of criminal history checks and segmentation of the registrant base by gender, profession and specialty.

Notifications information includes the number of complaints or concerns received by AHPRA by profession, types of complaint, matters involving immediate action, monitoring and compliance, panels and tribunals, and statutory offence complaints.

To download any or all of the state and territory reports, or to view the main 2015/16 annual report, [visit our microsite](#).

In the coming months, AHPRA and the National Boards will also publish summaries that break down 2015/16 data by profession.

AHPRA Performance Report July-September 2016

The July to September 2016 quarterly performance reports for AHPRA and the National Boards are now available.

The reports, which are part of an ongoing drive by AHPRA and the National Boards to increase their accountability and transparency, include data specific to each state and territory.

Each report covers AHPRA and the National Boards' main areas of activity:

- managing applications for registration as a health practitioner
- managing notifications about the health, performance and conduct of registered health practitioners and offences against the National Law, and
- monitoring health practitioners and students with restrictions on their registration.

The reports are available on the [Statistics page](#).

To provide feedback on the reports please email: reportingfeedback@ahpra.gov.au.

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 (complaint or concern) 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.

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 or 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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