



Communiqué

November 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 in 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 November 2017 meeting was held face to face in the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) National Office, Melbourne.

Board participates in CLEAR conference in Melbourne

The Council on Licensure, Enforcement and Regulation held the [Fifth International Congress on Professional and Occupational Regulation](#) in Melbourne this November. Board members attended along with representatives from other National Boards and AHPRA. The congress provided Board members with an opportunity to discuss regulatory issues with other international regulatory stakeholders who share global perspectives on licensure and regulation and to gain insight into the latest standards and best practices in the world of regulation. Additional information about the conference is on the [AHPRA website](#).

The Board also met with Executive Officer/Registrar of the General Chiropractic Council in the United Kingdom and with the New Zealand Chiropractic Board who were also attending the conference. This provided an opportunity to discuss matters relating to the regulation of the profession including international approaches to issues such as continuing professional development (CPD), recency of practice and notifications (complaints) data.

Board's educational forums now complete

The Board noted the successful completion of educational forums in six capital cities around the country that addressed the issues of advertising, CPD and assessing formal learning activities. There was a good level of interest amongst the profession with over 400 practitioners attending the forums.

Presentations from the Board's members emphasised that the role of the Board is to protect the public and community members spoke about the public's expectations of chiropractors. The strong message from community members was that chiropractors should consider patient safety first and that keeping up to date and providing evidence-based care is essential.

Look out for the Board's December 2017 newsletter with links to the vodcast of the recent forums

Registration renewal reminder

Chiropractors must renew their registration by 30 November 2017. Those who don't will need to renew in the late renewal period and have until 31 December to apply. Applications received in December will incur a late payment fee in addition to the annual renewal fee. Practitioners who apply after 1 January must lodge a new application for registration.

Anyone who does not apply to renew their registration by 31 December 2017 will have lapsed registration. They will be removed from the national Register of practitioners and they will not be able to practise in Australia. A 'fast-track' application can be made, but the chiropractor cannot practise until it is processed and the national register is updated, which can take time.

If you apply to renew during the late renewal period you can still practise even if:

- we are still processing your application to renew, and/or
- the registration expiry date displayed on the register has passed.

Graduating soon? Need to register? Apply now

The Board is reminding chiropractic final-year students to apply for registration online.

Those on the Student Register who will complete their [approved program of study](#) at the end of 2017 have been sent an email inviting them to [apply online](#) for registration four to six weeks before finishing their course.

Students are encouraged to read the information on AHPRA's website under [Graduate applications](#). Certain applicants will also need to apply for an [international criminal history check](#).

Graduates can start practising as soon as their name is published on the [national register](#).

Follow AHPRA on social media

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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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