



Communiqué

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

Season's greetings

This meeting was the last for 2017 and as the Board reflects on the year's work, we would like to thank all of those who have helped to make it such a successful year. We would also like to take the opportunity to wish all practitioners, stakeholders and their families and loved ones a safe and happy festive season and we look forward to another productive year working together in 2018.

2018 planning

As part of its planning process for 2018 the Board reflected on the stakeholder events that it hosted throughout 2017 and noted the positive feedback received about the forums held in six locations around Australia and published on the [Board's website](#). The Board is committed to continuing to communicate with the professions and has begun planning its stakeholder engagement for the upcoming year.

The Board intends to continue to engage with the profession on a number of topics throughout 2018. These will include maximising the effectiveness of continuing professional development by focusing on self-reflection and undertaking evidence-based learning activities, as well as recency of practice.

The Board is also considering additional ways of using the information available to it that relates to complaints about practitioners to gain a greater understanding of risk to the public. Analysis of this information will assist the Board to inform and educate practitioners and the public about safe, evidence-based practice.

Board newsletter

The Board emailed its [latest newsletter](#) to practitioners on 8 December 2017. The newsletter informs practitioners about the work of the Board and AHPRA and includes a snapshot of the profession in 2016/17, noting that the chiropractic profession grew by 2.3% to 5,284 registrants over the past year. The number of enrolled students has also increased in that time to 1,614, an increase of 30.2%.

The Board's role is to protect the public and the newsletter focuses on the Board's expectations of the profession in relation to undertaking CPD to stay up to date and provide safe, effective, evidence-based care. It also reminds practitioners about their responsibilities when advertising the services that they provide and directs them to the [Advertising Resources](#) page on the AHPRA website. The advertising resources include guidance about how to comply with advertising requirements under the National Law, information about what you need to know about advertising and a number of [profession-specific examples](#) of advertising

that include advice about what content is not compliant with the advertising requirements of the National Law.

Registration renewal reminder

Chiropractors were due to renew their registration by 30 November 2017, those who didn't can still renew and will need to lodge a late renewal before 31 December 2017. Late renewals will incur a late payment fee.

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.

Anyone who hasn't renewed 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 unless they [apply to re-register](#).

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.

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

Connect with AHPRA on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [LinkedIn](#) to receive information about important topics for your profession and participate in the discussion.



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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