

Communiqué

March 2018 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 March 2018 meeting was held at the Qantas Meeting Rooms, Melbourne Airport.

Public consultation for the revised continuing professional development standard and guidelines

The Board has published a consultation paper on the review of the *Continuing professional development registration standard and guidelines*.

The revised registration standard sets out the Board's proposed minimum requirements for continuing professional development (CPD) for chiropractors.

Together with five other National Boards, the Board has reviewed the current registration standard and guidelines in keeping with good regulatory practice. The six Boards involved in reviewing core registration standards undertook research and benchmarking to inform the development of the standards. A summary of the research is available to [download](#).

The Board welcomes feedback from the profession, stakeholders and the community on the revised CPD registration standard and guidelines. Public consultation will close on **4 May 2018**. To view the consultation paper, please see the [Current Consultations](#) page on the Board's [website](#).

Chiropractic practitioner audit 2018

The Chiropractic Board of Australia and AHPRA have established a program to audit chiropractic practitioners' compliance with mandatory registration standards. These [registration standards](#) are published on the Board's website.

Practitioner audits are conducted on an annual basis. Registered practitioners will be randomly selected and audited against the following registration standards:

- first aid certification
- continuing professional development (CPD)
- criminal history, and
- professional indemnity insurance (PII).

All chiropractors who are subject to audit will be asked to provide a copy of their valid *First aid certificate* (HLTFA301B – Apply First Aid or equivalent). Practitioners are reminded that maintaining the currency of first aid does not count towards annual CPD requirements.

Reminder: false declarations

When practitioners register or renew their registration they are asked to declare whether or not they comply with the requirements of the professional indemnity insurance arrangements, continuing professional development requirements and recency of practice requirements.

The Board would like to remind chiropractors that they have an obligation to make truthful statements in relation to their compliance with these obligations. In cases where chiropractors are found to have deliberately made a false declaration the Board may decide to refer them to the relevant tribunal where they may be found guilty of professional misconduct.

Are your contact details up-to-date?

It is important that your contact details are up-to-date to receive information from the Board. You can check your details via the [Login icon](#) at the top right of the AHPRA website. Your email account needs to be set to receive communications from AHPRA and the Board to avoid misdirection to your 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.

Dr Wayne Minter AM

Chiropractor

Chair

Chiropractic Board of Australia

3 April 2018