



Communiqué

April 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 April 2018 meeting was held at the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) National Office in Melbourne.

Public consultation on the draft guideline for informing a National Board about where you practise

The Chiropractic Board of Australia has published a consultation paper on the draft guideline for informing a National Board about where you practise.

In September 2017, the Queensland Parliament passed the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2017. The Bill contained a set of amendments to the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (the National Law), as in force in each state and territory except Western Australia. Corresponding legislation has also been passed in Western Australia. These amendments include changes to the information a registered health practitioner is required to provide about their practice arrangements when requested by the National Board (referred to as 'practice information'). The draft guideline has been developed to help registered health practitioners to provide practice information in a way that meets their obligation under the National Law.

The Board invites feedback from practitioners, stakeholders and the community.

Public consultation will close on **25 May 2018**. To view the consultation paper, please see the [Current Consultations](#) page on the Board's [website](#).

Chiropractic Board of Australia Forum in Melbourne

The Board is hosting a stakeholder forum in Melbourne on Saturday 28 and Sunday 29 July 2018.

The forum will explore existing research on workplace-based learning and related concepts with a focus on application of this work in the context of solo and small health-professional practice.

Saturday's program will focus largely on the individual. It will include exploration of theories of workplace-based learning in the health professions while also delving into notions of expectations and beliefs about health professionals, and practicalities of evidence-based practice.

Sunday's program has more of a peer and community focus, and will probe theories such as communities of practice before exploring models of peer feedback in the workplace.

Chiropractors will have an opportunity to attend so keep a look out for more information about this on the [Board's website](#) soon. The Board will also record the forum for those unable to attend in person.

Vexing not vexatious: Report finds more risk in not reporting

New independent research commissioned by AHPRA takes a first international look at vexatious complaints, finding there is more risk from people not reporting concerns than from making dubious complaints.

It also found that while being on the receiving end of a complaint is tough – the complaint is much more likely to be vexing than vexatious.

The report will be used to inform best practice for reducing, identifying, and managing vexatious complaints and helps to identify opportunities to work with others to help reduce their frequency and adverse consequences.

For further information read the research summary report [Reducing, identifying and managing vexatious complaints](#) on the AHPRA website.

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.

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