

# Communiqué

The August meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 30 August 2013 at the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre in Melbourne. This communiqué highlights the important issues from this meeting.

The National Board publishes this communiqué on its website and emails it to a broad range of stakeholders. Please forward it on to colleagues and employees who may be interested in the work of the National Board.

## **National Scheme combined meeting**

The fourth National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (National Scheme) combined meeting was held in Melbourne to coincide with the meetings of all National Boards this month. This meeting is a valuable opportunity for National Boards, accreditation authorities and NSW councils for all professions to meet together to discuss regulatory issues. The theme of this year's meeting was the better use of the data available to National Boards to enhance their regulatory activities.

#### Standards, guidelines and codes

The Board continues its work on the routine, three-year review of its registration standards and supporting codes and guidelines in conjunction with other National Boards. Work is well underway on reviewing registration standards for continuing professional development, professional indemnity insurance and recency of practice. The National Board will be consulting on these progressively over the coming months.

#### International criminal history checks

The National Board agreed to further public consultation on matters relating to international criminal history checks. This will be done by AHPRA in cooperation with the 13 other National Boards. The consultation will be published on the <u>AHPRA website</u> in due course.

### Audit of registration standards

The National Board has agreed to continue random audits of practitioners to assess their compliance with the National Board's registration standards. These audits will not take place in conjunction with practitioners renewal of registration but instead will occur during the registration year.

#### Conclusion

The National Board publishes a range of information about registration and the National Board's expectations of practitioners on its website at <u>www.chiropracticboard.gov.au</u> or <u>www.ahpra.gov.au</u>.

For more detail or with questions about your registration please send an <u>online enquiry form</u> or contact AHRPA on 1300 419 495.

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