



Communiqué

A short meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia (the National Board) was held by teleconference on 2 May 2014 in lieu of an April meeting. This communiqué highlights key issues from the meeting.

At each meeting, the National Board considers a wide range of issues, many of which are routine and are not included in this communiqué.

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.

Codes and guidelines

The Chiropractic Board of Australia (the National Board) in conjunction with the other National Boards have agreed to release a revised version of the Guidelines for the advertising of health services, that is clearer around the issue of testimonials and a practitioners responsibilities in relation to third party publications. The revised document is expected to be published on the [National Board's website](#) shortly

Information Sessions

The National Board have been holding information sessions about the revised obligations for chiropractors across the country. Chiropractors are being advised by email on a state-by-state basis about the sessions for their state.

A session was held in Queensland in the past month and sessions in other states are scheduled for next month. The National Board is looking into how it can provide a similar activity for practitioners in rural and remote locations. Practitioners will be advised by email when such an opportunity can be arranged.

The feedback to date has been overwhelmingly positive, and the National Board would like to thank all those who have attended and participated so far.

Consultations

Along with other National Boards, the National Board is now consulting on the revised registration standards for professional indemnity insurance, recency of practice and continuing professional development and two supporting guidelines for the registration standard on continuing professional development. The revised standards can be found on the [National Board's website](#) along with a response template.

The National Board welcomes feedback from all stakeholders to chiroconsultation@ahpra.gov.au, and the closing date is 30 June 2014.

Standards compliance audit

All health practitioners registered under the National Law are required to comply with a range of registration standards (that are developed after wide-ranging consultation and approved by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council).

AHPRA has now begun randomly selecting chiropractors to undertake an audit of their compliance with the National Board's registration standards.

Chiropractors who are selected for audit will be sent an information pack, and additional information is available under *Registration* on the AHPRA website: www.ahpra.gov.au. Practitioners who have questions or queries about this process should contact the audit team who will be able to help on audit@ahpra.gov.au or call the customer service line Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm AEST on 1300 419 495

Panel member recruitment

The National Board is currently undertaking a recruitment project for practitioners who wish to be panel members to sit on professional standards panels. Please see the [National Board's website](#) for more details about this process.

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 detail or with questions about your registration please send an [online enquiry form](#) or contact AHPRA on 1300 419 495.

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