



Communiqué

The June 2015 meeting of the Chiropractic Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 19 June 2015 at the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency's (AHPRA) National Office in Melbourne. This communiqué highlights the important issues from this meeting.

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

The 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.

Revised English language skills and criminal history registration standards in effect soon

AHPRA and the Board have published the contents of two revised registration standards – the English language skills registration standard and the criminal history registration standard – and supporting materials to help practitioners understand the new requirements before they come into effect.

Both these standards were developed after a review of the current standards and public consultation. They are approved by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council.

The Board's website has been updated with both the [revised registration standards](#). Both standards come into effect from 1 July 2015.

Board-approved mentors appointments extended

The Board approved the extension of the terms of 18 practitioners who are currently listed on the Board's list of approved mentors until 21 February 2016.

The mentors are called upon by the Board and/or AHPRA to provide mentoring to practitioners whose conduct and/or performance has been found by the Board to be of a lower standard than that reasonably expected of a registered chiropractor.

Practitioner survey results to be published

In December 2014 the Board contracted Di Marzio Research to undertake a confidential survey of registered chiropractors. Di Marzio Research had previously conducted a benchmark survey on behalf of the Board in 2012 and the same questions were used in the 2014 survey where they were relevant. A response rate of about 18 percent consisting of replies from 868 chiropractors was achieved.

A copy of the report that has been redacted to exclude any identifying information provided by participants will be published on the Board's website in coming weeks. The information obtained in the survey will be used by the Board to assist it to develop ongoing policy to address areas identified in the survey as lacking sufficient clarity and/or explanation.

International Chiropractic Regulatory Collaboration

The Board received written and verbal reports from members who had attended the International Chiropractic Regulatory Collaboration (ICRC) that was held in Athens, Greece in May 2015 in conjunction with the World Federation of Chiropractic Congress and the European Chiropractors' Union's Annual Convention.

The ICRC was established to support jurisdictions that have legislative authority to regulate chiropractors and to assist those who wish to work toward adding the appropriate regulatory structure to protect the public. It has representatives from a number of jurisdictions including the United Kingdom, Canada, New Zealand and Australia.

The Board noted that a number of relevant topics were discussed including issues that arise when registering overseas registered and/or trained chiropractors, assessing competence, continuing professional development and accreditation.

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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