

Communiqué

March 2016 meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia

The 77th meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 24 March 2016 in Melbourne. The Board publishes this communiqué on our website and emails it to a broad range of stakeholders. At each meeting, the Board considers a wide range of issues, many of which are routine and are not included in this communiqué.

The whole Board meets as the Registration and Notification Committee (RNC) on the same day as the Board meetings to consider registration and notification (complaint) matters.

Audit in 2016

The Board has started the audit of osteopaths, and letters have been sent to randomly selected individuals. A <u>media release</u> provides more information about this year's audit and its focus on continuing professional development (CPD). The <u>audit page</u> on the Board's website has additional information, including template forms which can be used for CPD and tips to help osteopaths prepare for the 2016 audit

Regulatory planning for 2016/17

The Board spent time planning for 2016/17, focusing on the Board's regulatory plan, new intitiatives and also the existing guidelines which are due for revision.

Standard pathway evaluation tender

The standard pathway has seen a steady flow of <u>osteopaths from overseas</u> able to work in Australia. The Board will now evaluate the standard pathway and the Board's accreditation council, the Australasian Osteopathic Accreditation Council (AOAC), has been tasked by the Board to carry out the evaluation.

The AOAC is seeking suitably qualified and experienced parties for the evaluation of the standard assessment pathway for overseas-trained osteopaths. If you are interested, please email admin@osteopathiccouncil.org.au. Tenders close **15 April 2016**.

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AHPRA uses <u>Twitter</u> to encourage greater discussion about National Board consultations and to host regular Twitter chats on important topics.

Keeping in touch with the Board

The Board publishes a range of information about registration and the Board's expectations of practitioners on its website at www.osteopathyboard.gov.au. Osteopaths are encouraged to refer to the site for news and updates on policy and guidelines affecting their profession.

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30 March 2016