



Communiqué

Fourteenth Meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia 25 November 2010

The fourteenth meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia was held on 25 November 2010 in Melbourne. The Board is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act (National Law) as in force in each state and territory.

New Zealand meetings

The Board received a briefing from the Chair and Ms Amanda Heyes, who had attended a series of meetings in Wellington on 20 and 21 November 2010, including a Scope of Practice Workshop and discussions with the Osteopathic Council of New Zealand and the Australian and New Zealand Osteopathic Council (ANZOC). The meetings provided valuable information for the OBA to draw on in its work.

Assessment of overseas qualified osteopaths

The Executive of the Australian and New Zealand Osteopathic Council (ANZOC) and the Council's Executive Officer joined the meeting by teleconference to discuss the new process for assessing overseas qualified osteopaths. The Board is working closely with ANZOC to finalise the process and is working towards more information being available in mid-December 2010. The Board agreed in principle that overseas qualified osteopaths who pass the ANZOC assessment will hold registration for 12 months so they can undertake a form of supervised practice or "mentoring" before they are eligible for general registration.

Continuing Professional Development

As previously advised, the Board has developed a phased approach to introducing mandatory CPD requirements. Renewal of registration after 30 June 2012 will require a declaration that the osteopath has complied with the Board's CPD requirements in the 12 months preceding the renewal date. The Board is working to prepare for the first period of mandatory CPD which will progressively apply to renewals from 30 June 2011.

The Board is reviewing its CPD Guidelines so that they are more helpful to osteopaths and is planning to undertake consultation in 2011 about revised Guidelines.

Fact sheet on when practitioners should be registered

The Board continued work on a fact sheet about when practitioners should be registered, which will be published on the Board's website www.osteopathyboard.gov.au soon.

Communication

The Board encourages all osteopaths to provide their email address to AHPRA to help the Board to communicate effectively. When you receive your registration renewal reminder letter from AHPRA

which includes a user id and password, please log in and add your email address to your contact details, so the Board can communicate with you directly.

Robert Fendall
Chair
Osteopathy Board of Australia
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