



Communiqué

Nineteenth Meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia 26 May 2011

The nineteenth meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia was held on 26 May 2011 in Melbourne. The Board is established under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act* (National Law) as in force in each state and territory.

This communiqué highlights key issues from the Board's last meeting. At each meeting, the Board considers a wide range of issues, many of which are routine and are not included in this communiqué.

Registration renewal due 30 June for NSW, TAS and WA osteopaths

Osteopaths whose primary place of practice is in New South Wales, Tasmania or Western Australia are due to renew their registration by 30 June 2011. For this year only, their registration period will be for five months, and they will need to register again this year by 30 November. This is to bring them into line with the new national renewal cycle.

From 30 November 2011 onwards, this will be the yearly registration date for all osteopaths in Australia.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

The Board reminds osteopaths that it has developed a phased approach to introducing mandatory CPD requirements. All osteopaths renewing their registration on or after 30 June 2012 will need to make a declaration stating that they have complied with the Board's CPD requirements in the previous 12 months.

For most osteopaths, the initial period when they must undertake mandatory CPD will be 1 December 2011 to 30 November 2012. While CPD is being phased in, the Board considers it good practice for all osteopaths to undertake CPD in preparation for the introduction of mandatory CPD.

Consultations

The Board would like to thank all stakeholders who responded to preliminary consultations on:

1. *Draft Registration Standards for Limited Registration in the Public Interest and Limited Registration for Post-Graduate Training and Supervised Practice*
2. *Draft Revised Continuing Professional Development Guidelines*, and
3. *Draft Guidelines for Infection Control*.

The Board will open consultations to wider consultation in the next month. The Board encourages anyone interested in these issues to check the [website](#) in coming weeks for details about how to provide feedback.

Audit of compliance with Registration Standards

The Board noted that the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) is developing a process to support the audit of practitioners' compliance with the mandatory Registration Standards across all 10 National Boards. A comprehensive communication strategy will support the introduction of audit requirements. Further information will be published in upcoming months.

Health Workforce Australia's draft National Health Workforce Innovation and Reform Strategic Framework for Action

The Board considered and provided feedback to the Health Workforce Australia's draft National Health Workforce Innovation and Reform Strategic Framework for Action (the draft Framework). The Board encourages all of its key stakeholders to consider the draft Framework and engage with its development.

Website and receiving important information by email

Further information about the Board can be found on the Board's website at: www.osteopathyboard.gov.au and osteopaths are encouraged to refer to the site for news and updates on Policy and Guidelines affecting the profession.

The Board continues to encourage all osteopaths to provide AHPRA with a current email address by updating their contact details through online services on the website. This will enable AHPRA to contact osteopaths about important information such as registration reminders, and the National Board to contact osteopaths with important updates for the profession.

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