



Communiqué

Twentieth Meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia 23 June 2011

The twentieth meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia was held on 23 June 2011 in Sydney. 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.

Accreditation

On 24 June 2011, the Board held a meeting with the accreditation council, the Australian and New Zealand Osteopathic Council (ANZOC) in Sydney. The meeting was attended by the full boards of the regulatory and accreditation bodies, and discussed a range of issues of mutual interest and joint responsibility, including the work based assessment pathway, capabilities and accreditation of courses.

Annual registration fees

In setting its budget for the 2011/12 financial year, the Board has reviewed all registration fees in consultation with its finance and management committee and AHPRA. The new fee schedule will be available on the Board's website shortly.

Inquiry into the administration of health practitioner registration by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency

The Board noted that the Senate Finance and Public Administration References Committee into the transition to the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme had released its report. The inquiry was about the administration of health practitioner registration by AHPRA, and related matters. The Committee's terms of reference, report, submissions and transcripts of its hearings are available at http://www.aph.gov.au/Senate/committee/fapa_ctte/health_practitioner_registration/index.htm. AHPRA, together with the National Boards, are working on the issues identified in the report and have reviewed submissions for issues that require follow-up.

Consultations

The Board will open public consultations in the next month on:

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

The Board encourages anyone interested in these issues to check the website at www.osteopathyboard.gov.au in coming weeks for details on how to provide feedback.

Registrant contact details

Osteopaths are encouraged to provide their email address to AHPRA. This will enable the Board to send important information for the profession, and AHPRA to contact practitioners about important registration or renewal information.

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