



## Communiqué

### Twenty second Meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia 25 August 2011

The twenty second meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia was held on 25 August 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.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on 16 September 2011 in Sydney, to coincide with the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme Annual Conference 2011.

### Capabilities for Experienced Osteopathic Practice project

The Board has released a request for quote for the *Capabilities for Experienced Osteopathic Practice*. The invitation to quote has been sent to various targeted universities, accreditation councils and associations for a contractor to undertake further work on the Capabilities for Osteopathic Practice initially developed by the University of Technology Sydney. The Board proposes to further develop the capabilities framework in relation to experienced osteopathic practice of at least five years.

The closing date for the receipt of submissions by the Board is 20 September 2011. Once a contractor is chosen, the date of completion for the project is currently envisaged as March 2012.

### Stakeholder engagement

The Board has continued regular teleconference meetings with the Executives of the Australian Osteopathic Association, the Chiropractic and Osteopathic College of Australasia and the Australian and New Zealand Osteopathic Council. The meetings have proved beneficial as forums for consultation and discussing the work of the Board.

### Proposed and recent consultations

The preliminary consultation period on the *Definition of 'practice'* closed on 20 August 2011. The seven National Boards (Chiropractic, Dental, Medical, Optometry, Osteopathy, Podiatry and Physiotherapy) involved in this process will consider all responses in the upcoming months.

The public consultation period closed on 26 August 2011 on the following issues:

- *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 Osteopathy Board will consider all public submissions at the next Board meeting.

At the meeting on 25 August 2011, the Osteopathy Board agreed to circulate the *Draft Guidelines on Clinical Records* for osteopath practitioners for preliminary consultation to targeted stakeholders. The Board will keep the profession informed about progress of consultations through communiqués.

## Registration and registrant contact details

The annual renewal date for osteopaths is **30 November 2011**.

The Board encourages osteopath practitioners to both:

- check the National Register of Osteopath practitioners published online at [www.osteopathyboard.gov.au](http://www.osteopathyboard.gov.au) to confirm their registration expiry date; and
- make sure their contact details supplied to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), including email and telephone, are correct and current.

The best way to search the register is by name and profession. Ensuring this information is up to date will allow AHPRA to send osteopath practitioners renewal reminders.

The Board also wanted to remind osteopaths that under the National Law, all registered osteopathy practitioners are responsible for renewing their registration on time each year and there is no option for AHPRA or the National Board to renew your registration after it has lapsed without a new application.

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