



Communiqué

15 November 2012 Meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia

The 39th meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia was held on 15 November 2012 in Melbourne.

This communiqué outlines the issues discussed and decisions made by the Board at its meeting and other points of interest. The Board publishes this communiqué on its website and emails it to a broad range of stakeholders. Please forward it on to colleagues and employees who may be interested in the work of the Board.

Board consultation

The draft *Guidelines for Supervision of Osteopaths* were sent this month to a small group of stakeholders for preliminary feedback, ahead of a wider public consultation phase. The Board will keep the profession informed about progress of the consultation through communiqués and will publish the draft guidelines on the Board's website when the consultation opens.

Stakeholder engagement

The Board has held an initial teleconference meeting with the Chair of the Australian and New Zealand Osteopathic Council (ANZOC) and senior representatives of universities that teach osteopathy programs in Australia. The meeting provided a forum to discuss the important work of education providers and accreditation and regulation agencies; discussion spanned issues relevant to students, academics, accreditation of courses, and potential new areas of learning and registration in the osteopathy field.

2012 Annual Report

AHPRA and the National Boards have released their 2012 Annual Report. The 2012 Annual Report details the work of the National Boards and AHPRA in implementing the second year of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme. The release was supported by the publication of a special edition of the AHPRA Report. The 2012 Annual Report and the AHPRA report are both available online at: www.ahpra.gov.au. The 2012 Annual Report is published under 'Legislation and Publications' and the AHPRA report is under 'News'.

Renewal of registration – due 30 November 2012

Time is running out for osteopaths to renew their registration, which is due by **30 November 2012**. The Board urges osteopaths who have yet to renew their registration to renew online and on time.

The Board's October 2012 newsletter contains important information about the upcoming renewal of registration for osteopaths. This year will be the first time osteopaths will be required to make a declaration about their compliance with both the recency of practice and the continuing professional development registration standards. The e-newsletter was sent to all registered osteopaths and is also published on the Board's website under the News tab.

Osteopaths can check online that their application has been received. Go to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) website – look for Renewal Received Confirmation. Individuals whose application to renew registration has been received can practise while their application is being processed.

Practitioners are responsible for renewing their registration on time and applications received after the registration expiry date will incur a late payment fee. The late payment fee will apply to osteopaths who apply to renew in December. It will be payable in addition to the annual renewal fee.

If a practitioner has not applied to renew their registration within one month after their registration expiry date, their name must be removed from the National Register of Practitioners. Their registration will lapse and they will not be able to practise osteopathy in Australia until a new application for registration is approved.

Keeping in touch with the Board

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

For more detail or with questions about your registration please send an [online enquiry form](#) or contact AHRPA on 1300 419 495.

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