



## Communiqué

### 24 January 2013 Meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia

The 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 24 January 2013 by teleconference. 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.

#### Board consultation

The Board is undertaking public consultations on the following draft guidelines and frameworks:

- draft *Guidelines for supervision of osteopaths*
- draft *Sexual and professional boundaries: guidelines for osteopaths*
- draft *Informed Consent: guidelines for osteopaths*, and
- draft *Framework: pathways for registration of overseas-trained osteopaths*.

Submissions for these consultations close on 15 February, except for the consultation on the draft *Framework: pathways for registration of overseas-trained osteopaths*, which closes 8 March.

If you are interested in these issues and proposals, please check the Board's website at: [www.osteopathyboard.gov.au/News/Current-Consultations.aspx](http://www.osteopathyboard.gov.au/News/Current-Consultations.aspx). Public consultation submissions can be sent to [osteoboardconsultation@ahpra.gov.au](mailto:osteoboardconsultation@ahpra.gov.au).

The Board generally publishes submissions on its website to encourage discussion and inform the community and stakeholders. The Board will keep the profession informed about implementation through communiqués.

#### Stakeholder engagement

The Chair and Executive Officer of the Board met at various times since the last Board meeting with the Executives of the Australian Osteopathic Association; the Chiropractic and Osteopathic College of Australasia; the Australian and New Zealand Osteopathic Council; the Osteopathic Society of New Zealand; and the General Osteopathic Council in the United Kingdom.

#### Renewal of registration – removal from register

Osteopaths are responsible for renewing their registration on time. If a practitioner did not apply to renew their registration by 31 December 2012, their name has been removed from the national register of practitioners as their registration has lapsed and they cannot be able to practise osteopathy in Australia until a new application for registration is approved. Enquiries about completing the application for registration renewal can be made to AHPRA on 1300 419 495.

#### Keeping in touch with the Board

The Board publishes a range of information about registration and the Board's expectations of practitioners on its website at [www.osteopathyboard.gov.au](http://www.osteopathyboard.gov.au). Osteopaths are encouraged to refer to the site for news and updates on policy and guidelines affecting their profession.

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Chair  
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