



Communiqué

25 September 2014 meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia

The 61st meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 25 September 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.

Online renewal of registration is now open

Online renewal of registration to practise in Australia is now open for osteopaths.

Most osteopaths are due to renew their registration by 30 November 2014. You are responsible for renewing your registration and we encourage you to renew online. You will find a banner on the Board's [homepage](#) which will link you through to the online renewal page.

A series of reminders to renew are being sent to practitioners with a registered email address by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), on behalf of the Board. The reminders include a link to online renewal.

It is important that AHPRA has your current contact information so you don't miss future email and hard copy reminders to renew.

Updating contact details

To update your contact details visit www.osteopathyboard.gov.au and use the appropriate link under online services for practitioners. You will need your user ID and secure password. If you do not have your user ID, complete a web enquiry form and select 'Online Services - Practitioner' as the category type.

2014/2015 Health Profession Agreement published

The Board and AHPRA have published the Health Profession Agreement that outlines the partnership between the Board and AHPRA, and the services AHPRA will provide to the Board in 2014/2015.

The Board and AHPRA work together to implement the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, (National Scheme), which is the scheme regulating registered health practitioners in Australia, in the public interest.

The guiding principles of the National Law require the National Scheme to operate in a 'transparent, accountable, efficient, effective and fair way'; and for registration fees to be reasonable 'having regard to the efficient and effective operation of the scheme'.

One of the fundamental aspects of the National Scheme is that there is no cross-subsidisation between professions. This means that the regulation of each profession is entirely paid for by that profession's registration fees.

The 2014/15 Health Profession Agreement is published on the [Board's website](#)

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. Osteopaths are encouraged to refer to the site for news and updates on policy and guidelines affecting their profession.

Dr Nikole Grbin (Osteopath)

Chair

30 September 2014