



Communiqué

27 November 2014 meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia

The 63rd meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 27 November 2014 in Melbourne. This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the Board's meeting. The Board publishes this communiqué on our website and emails it to a broad range of stakeholders. Please forward it to your colleagues and employees who may be interested.

Strengthening international criminal history checks

From early 2015, National Boards and AHPRA will implement a new procedure for checking the criminal history of international applicants when they apply for registration. The new approach aims to protect the public without unnecessarily delaying the registration process for applicants.

For more information, please read the [media release](#) on the AHPRA website.

2013/14 National Scheme Annual Report

AHPRA and the National Boards have released the 2013/14 Annual Report, providing a comprehensive record of the operations of the National Scheme for the 12 months ending 30 June 2014.

The annual report provides a snapshot of the work and finances of the National Scheme and is tabled in the parliaments of each state and territory and the Commonwealth. The 2014 annual report is an important reporting milestone and covers the lead-up to the scheduled independent three-year review of the National Scheme, now underway.

For more information, please read the [media release](#) on the AHPRA website.

2013/14 Osteopathy Board profile

This year for the first time, AHPRA and the National Boards have also published summaries of its work regulating health practitioners in every state and territory.

The Board has published [Osteopathy regulation at work in Australia in 2013/14](#) (PDF) on the AHPRA website. It provides a profession-specific view of the Board's work managing risk to the public and regulating the profession.

The number of osteopaths registered to practice across Australia increased 5.4% compared to the previous 12 months to 1,865 osteopaths. The report also discusses the Board's consultations and other activities for 2013/14, and priorities for the coming year.

The report is available on the [Annual Reports page of the AHPRA 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.

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Chair

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