



Communiqué

23 April 2015 meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia

The 67th meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 23 April 2015 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. At each meeting, the Board considers a wide range of issues, many of which are routine and are not included in this communiqué.

Newsletter

The Board has released its latest edition of the electronic newsletter: [Registrant Update](#).

Australasian Osteopathic Accreditation Council

The Board's accreditation council, the Australasian Osteopathic Accreditation Council (AOAC) is undertaking several projects for the Board. Please refer to the AOAC's [website](#) for information on the following projects where the AOAC is seeking submissions and feedback.

The **Review of the competent authority pathway [online survey](#)** is open until **31 May 2015**.

Note: When you click on the online survey link, you will be taken to a survey on a third party website, hosted by SurveyMonkey. The information you provide will be handled in accordance with the privacy policy of SurveyMonkey accessible [here](#).

Comments are now invited as part of the public consultation on the draft revised:

- [Standards for Accreditation of Osteopathic Programs of Study in Australia](#), and
- [Capabilities for Osteopathic Practice](#).

Responses are due by close of business on **12 June 2015**.

Improving monitoring of conditions on practitioner registration

AHPRA has welcomed calls for stringent monitoring and swift detection of breaches in compliance by registered health practitioners with restrictions on their registration.

On 24 March 2015, the Queensland Office of the Health Ombudsman (OHO) published a report recommending a range of initiatives to strengthen monitoring and compliance in Queensland and the National Scheme.

The report's recommendations affirm the sweeping changes AHPRA has already initiated to strengthen its compliance and monitoring program.

AHPRA's detailed response to the OHO and the recommendations in the report is published in the [Corporate publications](#) section of AHPRA's website.

Since July 2014, health complaints management in Queensland for registered health practitioners has involved a partnership between National Boards, AHPRA and the OHO.

Improvements to compliance monitoring add to the overhaul of complaints management in Queensland that started in 2012. Recent initiatives include preparation for stricter drug and alcohol screening announced in February 2015, the appointment of a national compliance manager and stronger national coordination of the compliance function.

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

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Osteopathy Board of Australia

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