



Communiqué

April 2016 meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia

The 78th meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 28 April 2016 in Melbourne. 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.

The whole Board meets as the Registration and Notification Committee (RNC) on the same day as the Board meetings to consider registration and notification (complaint) matters.

Webinar and newsletter – PII changes and CPD audit

The Board held a webinar for registrants on 5 May 2016 on the changes to the professional indemnity insurance (PII) arrangements registration standard from 1 July 2016, and the current continuing professional development (CPD) audit. More than 100 people registered for the webinar presentation of which a recording will be available on the Board's website in the next couple of weeks.

These topics were comprehensively covered in the [April edition of the Board's newsletter](#) which is emailed to all registrants.

Osteopathy Board vacancy

Every time a Board member comes to the end of their term on the Board, the vacant position is widely advertised. A vacancy for a practitioner member from a small jurisdiction (Tasmania, the ACT or the Northern Territory) will be advertised in May in the national and relevant metropolitan newspapers.

All National Board appointments are made by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council. If you are interested, please monitor the [National Boards recruitment page](#) on AHPRA's website. More information will be available on the website as soon as the vacancy is advertised.

Osteopathy regulation at work in Australia, 2014/15

During 2014/15, the Board finalised consultations on the review of the five core registration standards that have been in place since the National Scheme started. Reviews of the capabilities for osteopathic practice and the accreditation standards for osteopathic programs of study were begun. The Board also undertook risk-based planning to prioritise regulatory work, based on identified areas of higher risk to the public, and to ensure that any regulatory response is evidence-based, appropriate and proportionate. Advertising was identified as a priority area, and recommendations from a meeting of an advisory group resulted in communication with all practitioners through an advertising bulletin and letters to practitioners who were the subject of advertising complaints.

Highlights

- 2,000 registered osteopaths in Australia on 30 June 2015.
- 7.24% increase in number of registered osteopaths compared to 2013/14.
- 52% of osteopaths based in Victoria.
- 62.5% of osteopaths are aged under 40.
- Notifications lodged relate to 0.7% of the registration base.

A copy of the report can be downloaded from the Board's [website](#).

Quarterly performance reports released

AHPRA and the National Boards, including the Osteopathy Board, have released new information about their performance in each state and territory to improve transparency and accountability.

The comprehensive information and data has been published on the [AHPRA website](#) to help the community and health practitioners better understand what AHPRA and the National Boards do and how.

The quarterly performance reports include data specific to each state and territory for the period October to December 2015 and covers AHPRA and the National Boards' main areas of activity in implementing the National Scheme.

To provide feedback on the reports email: reportingfeedback@ahpra.gov.au.

Follow @AHPRA on Twitter

AHPRA uses [Twitter](#) to encourage greater discussion about National Board consultations and to host regular Twitter chats on important topics.

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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