



Communiqué

August 2018 meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia

The 104th meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 30 August 2018 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.

Accreditation and approval of programs of study for the osteopathy profession

One of the objectives of the National Law is to facilitate the provision of high quality education and training of health practitioners. The accreditation function is the primary way of achieving this. The National Law sets out the respective roles of the Board and its appointed accreditation authority, the Australasian Osteopathic Accreditation Council (AOAC), in relation to the accreditation and approval of education providers and programs of study for the osteopathy profession.

Southern Cross University

After considering a report from the AOAC and meeting with the Chair of the Accreditation Committee and CEO from AOAC about its accreditation of the Bachelor of Clinical Sciences (Osteopathic Studies)/Master of Osteopathic Medicine; the Board approved the accredited program of study until 31 December 2021 as providing a qualification for the purpose of general registration.

Programs of study approved by the Board are published on the Board's [website](#).

Release of consultation paper on proposed legislative updates to national registration

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) welcomes the release of a consultation paper by the Australian Health Ministers Advisory Council (AHMAC) on keeping the national legislation on the registration and accreditation of health practitioners across Australia up to date.

The [consultation paper](#), *Regulation of Australia's health professions: keeping the National Law up to date and fit for purpose*, outlines important potential changes to the National Law.

National Boards and AHPRA will be looking at the paper carefully and providing considered responses on the proposals and we encourage others to provide considered feedback via the submissions process by the closing date on **31 October 2018**.

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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.

For more information about registration, notifications or other matters relevant to the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme please refer to the information published on www.ahpra.gov.au. Alternatively, contact AHPRA by an [online enquiry form](#) or phone 1300 419 495.

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Osteopathy Board of Australia

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