



Communiqué

December 2018 meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia

The 108th meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 13 December 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.

40 years of regulating osteopathy in Australia

The December edition of the [Osteopathy Board of Australia newsletter](#) to registrants features an article on 40 years of regulation of the osteopathy profession in Australia. Four osteopaths reflect on the early days of regulation in Victoria and New South Wales.

In welcoming new graduates to registration, we see how different the experience is now.

Regulatory planning for 2019/20

The Board spent time planning for 2019/20, including focusing on the Board's regulatory plan, current initiatives and new initiatives. These will form part of the Health Profession Agreement (HPA) document, which will be published on the website once finalised.

Do you practice under the name published on the online Register of practitioners?

Governments recently consulted on possible changes to the National Law^[1], which would allow AHPRA and National Boards to publish on the online [Register of practitioners](#), the names that registered health practitioners use in practice, and not just their legal name.

The national online Register of practitioners is a vital part of Australia's system of regulating osteopaths to support patient safety. Each registered health profession publishes registration information about practitioners on the online register. The public and employers can look up the names of all health practitioners who are registered to practise. The Register also provides important information about limits or restrictions placed on the way a registered health practitioner is allowed to practise.

AHPRA has asked governments to consider changes to the National Law that would enable registered health practitioners to nominate one or more aliases to be recorded on the public register. Governments [recently consulted](#) on this, among a range of other possible amendments to the National Law.

AHPRA and the Board will keep practitioners and the public informed of any changes to the law and reporting requirements.

[Read more.](#)

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^[1] Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).



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 policies 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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