

Communiqué

October 2019 meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia

The 117th meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 25 October 2019 in Melbourne. The Registration and Notification Committee (RNC) also met on the same day as the Board 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.

Osteopathic International Alliance

The Board's Chair, Dr Nikole Grbin, attended the annual Osteopathic International Alliance (OIA) meeting in Frankfurt, from 4 to 6 October 2019, joining attendees from osteopathic organisations and education institutions from around the world.

Osteopathy regulation, education, research and association leadership were main themes of this year's conference which also gave regulators the chance to discuss areas of mutual interest including common regulatory functions and emerging issues.

Another focus of the conference were the strategic objectives of the World Health Organisation Traditional Medicine Strategy (2014-2023) which are supported by the OIA. These three collaborative projects and their associated task forces are benchmarks in practice, update on the global profession (global survey) and glossary of osteopathic terms. You can read more about them on the [OIA website](#).

Board positions advertised online

Upcoming vacancies are being advertised for practitioner members of the Osteopathy Board of Australia from Victoria, South Australia, and a practitioner member from either Tasmania, Northern Territory or Australian Capital Territory. The role of Chair of the Board is also being advertised.

All National Board appointments are made by the COAG Health Council. If you are interested, please visit the [AHPRA National Boards recruitment page](#) to download the information guide and application form. More information is provided about eligibility requirements specific to these advertised vacancies, National Board member roles and the application process.

For enquiries, please contact statutory appointments on statutoryappointments@ahpra.gov.au. The closing date has been **extended** to **Monday 4 November 2019** at 5pm AEST.

Osteopathy clinical advisers

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) is advertising [osteopathy clinical advisor roles](#).

The positions will be available in any location and are flexible in nature. The clinical advisor will contribute to a risk-based approach by giving AHPRA staff a clinical input into notification, compliance and registration matters.

Role duties include:

- giving clinical input to AHPRA staff on case management
- reviewing briefing information sent to external parties

- reviewing responses from practitioners, and
- helping AHPRA staff understand and interpret clinical material.

The closing date is **Thursday 7 November 2019** at 5pm AEST.

Registration renewal due by 30 November

Osteopaths wishing to renew their registration on time must do so by 30 November 2019.

More than 2,500 osteopaths hold general, specialist or non-practising registration with the Osteopathy Board of Australia (the Board). The quickest and easiest way to renew is [online](#).

Practitioners who do not apply to renew their registration by 31 December 2019 will have lapsed registration. They will be removed from the [Register of Osteopathic Practitioners](#) and will not be able to practise their profession in Australia.

Renewal applications received in December will incur a late payment fee in addition to the annual renewal fee. This is outlined in the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory.

Further information about renewal is available on the [Board's website](#).

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Keeping in touch with the Board

The Board publishes a range of information and resources about registration and the Board's expectations of practitioners on their 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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Chair
Osteopathy Board of Australia
30 October 2019