

Communiqué: Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

June 2018 meeting

The 76th meeting of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 26 June 2018 in Melbourne.

This communiqué provides details on the main decisions made at the meeting. It is also published on the Board's website and an announcement via email is sent to a broad range of stakeholders. Please forward the communiqué to colleagues who may be interested in the Board's work.

Chinese translation of Newsletter

The Board has now published Chinese translations of the following mandatory registration standards, which are now available on the [Board's website](#):

- Continuing professional development
- Criminal history
- English language
- Professional indemnity insurance
- Recency of practice

Chinese-speaking registered practitioners will now be in a stronger position to understand their registration requirements, and keep up to date with developments. The Board will now also be publishing its newsletter in Chinese, with [June's newsletter](#) the first edition to be translated.

Selectively editing reviews may break the law

AHPRA has published further guidance for advertisers of regulated health services to emphasise that selectively editing reviews to support advertising claims has the potential to break the law.

The recent example of an organisation only publishing positive reviews and removing all negative information shows the importance of advertisers understanding their advertising obligations under all relevant legislation.

Selectively editing reviews has the potential to be false, misleading or deceptive and, to therefore be unlawful.

[Read the full news item.](#)

Updating your contact details

To check or update the contact details you have lodged with AHPRA, access the online services panel for practitioners on the [home page](#) of the Board's website and click Update your contact details. Enter your user ID, date of birth and password (please note that your user ID is not your registration number). If you can't remember your user ID or password, [contact us online](#), or phone 1300 419 495 for help.

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Important information for practitioners

The Board publishes a range of information about registration, including its expectations of practitioners, at www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au.

For more details or help with questions about your registration, notifications or other matters relevant to the National Scheme, refer to information published on www.ahpra.gov.au or [contact AHPRA](#), send an [online enquiry form](#) or call on 1300 419 495.

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Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

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The Chinese Medicine Board of Australia is the regulator of Chinese medicine practitioners in Australia and acts to protect the public by ensuring that suitably qualified and competent Chinese medicine practitioners are registered. The Board is responsible for developing registration standards, codes and guidelines for Chinese medicine practitioners and managing notifications (complaints) about Chinese medicine practitioners and Chinese medicine students. The Board does this through its powers under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (the National Law), as in force in each state and territory, and the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme), supported by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). The Board's work in regulating Australia's Chinese medicine practitioners in the public interest is underpinned by regulatory principles, which encourage a responsive, risk-based approach to regulation.*

**Except in NSW and Qld, which have co-regulatory arrangements.*