



Media release

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Registration applications now open for Chinese medicine practitioners: National Law applies from 1 July 2012

Registration applications are now open for the Chinese medicine profession which, along with three other professions, is joining the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme) on 1 July this year.

To be granted registration, Chinese medicine practitioners must meet the registration standards set by the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (the Board) under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).

From 1 July 2012, all practitioners not currently registered with the Chinese Medicine Registration Board of Victoria must have applied – and been approved for – registration to practise.

This includes Chinese medicine practitioners, acupuncturists, Chinese herbal medicine practitioners, oriental medicine practitioners and Chinese herbal dispensers.

Practitioners who are not currently regulated are urged to submit their application for registration to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) by **30 March 2012** to allow enough time for processing as a large number of applications are expected between now and 1 July 2012.

Registration application forms are now available at www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au.

Practitioners who are currently registered with the Chinese Medicine Registration Board of Victoria do not need to apply for registration, or pay an application fee to the National Board, as they will transition into the National Scheme.

The Board is holding community forums and interested parties are welcome to attend (see page 3.)

Chinese medicine practitioners are urged to visit the Board's website for more information about their obligations under the National Law and to check that all essential documents are included in their registration application before submitting it to AHPRA.

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) works in partnership with 14 National Boards to implement the national regulatory scheme for health professionals. The currently regulated professions are: chiropractic, dental, medical, nursing and midwifery, optometry, osteopathy, pharmacy, physiotherapy, podiatry and psychology. As of 1 July 2012, four more professions will be regulated under the National Scheme – Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioners, Chinese medicine practitioners, medical radiation practitioners and occupational therapists. The purpose of health practitioner regulation is to protect the public by ensuring that only health practitioners who have the skills, qualifications and knowledge to provide safe care are registered.

For more information

- Visit the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia's website at www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au for specific registration information and FAQs
- Lodge an online enquiry form under *Contact us* from the homepage
- For registration enquiries: 1300 419 495 (within Australia) +61 3 8708 9001 (overseas callers)
- For media enquiries: (03) 8708 9200

Chinese Medicine Board of Australia Information Session Schedule 2012

Date	Time	Location	Venue	Parking information
Tuesday 21 February	6 - 8 pm	Tasmania – Hobart (or videolink in Launceston)	UTAS Medical Sciences Building, Rm 206, 17 Liverpool St, Hobart. OR Pathology Seminar Room, Launceston General Hospital, 274-280 Charles Street, Launceston	Parking available at the campus or hospital
Wednesday 22 February	3 – 5 pm	NSW metropolitan – Sydney	Endeavour College of Natural Health, 815-825 George St, Sydney. (Level 2, Room 2.1)	Nearest car park is on Quay Street (Wilson Parking, at Market City, Haymarket)
Wednesday 22 February	6.30 - 8.30 pm	NSW metropolitan – Sydney (with Chinese interpreter)	Auburn RSL Club, 33 Northumberland Rd, Auburn	Parking available at the RSL
Thursday 23 February	12 noon – 2 pm	Gold Coast, Southport	Endeavour College of Natural Health, 105 Scarborough St, Southport. Ground Floor (Room 1).	Nearest car parking bays are on Scarborough Street and Nerang Street (Secure Parking)
Thursday 23 February	6 - 8 pm	Queensland metro – Brisbane (with Chinese interpreter)	Regent Palace Restaurant (Diana Plaza Hotel) 12 Annerley Rd, Woolloongabba	Parking available at the Restaurant
Friday 24 February	12 noon – 2 pm	Sunshine Coast, Maroochydore	Waterfront Hotel, 2/46 David Low Way, Diddilbah	Parking available at the Hotel
Wednesday 29 February	6 - 8 pm	South Australia – Adelaide (with Chinese interpreter)	Education Development Centre, Department of Education and Children's Services, 4 Milner Street Hindmarsh (Room 1.11B)	Free parking on Orsmond St
Thursday 1 March	3 – 5 pm	Western Australia – Perth Full - No more RSVPs taken	If you have RSVPed, please see the email you received from Akemi Pham-Vu. Only those who received a confirmation are to attend.	
Thursday 1 March	6 - 8 pm	Western Australia – Fremantle (with Chinese interpreter)	Fremantle Hospital, Alma St (CC Bennett Lecture Theatre)	Two carparks on Alma St
Thursday 1 March	5 - 7 pm	Northern Territory, Darwin	AHPRA (Level 5, Civitas building, 22 Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin)	Street parking available
Tuesday 13 March, AFW	12 noon - 2pm	ACT, Canberra	AHPRA (Lvl 3, RSM Bird Cameron bldg 103 Northbourne Avenue, Canberra)	