

Communiqué

31 October 2014

The 37th meeting of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (the National Board) was held on 21 October 2014 at AHPRA's National Office in Melbourne. This communiqué provides key decisions made at the meeting.

This communiqué is published on the National Board [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 work of the National Board.

Continuing Fora for practitioners and students of Chinese medicine

The National Board is conducting a number of forums to improve direct engagement with the profession. Stakeholder engagement has been identified as a strategic priority by the National Board for 2014/15.

The first forum was held in June 2014 in Sydney, followed by the second one in Melbourne in September.

A third forum will be held in Brisbane on Monday, 24 November 2014. Details are now available on the National Board's [website](#).

First meeting of Technical Advisory Group (TAG) conducted on 20 October 2014

The National Board's Policy, Planning and Communication Committee and Technical Advisory Group held their first meeting on 20 October. These groups are considering the feedback from the recent public consultation on *Draft Guidelines for safe Chinese herbal medicine practice*. The next meeting of these groups will be held on 15 December 2014.

Renew registration online

The 2014 renewal of registration campaign for Chinese medicine practitioners (practitioners) is well underway with a third of registrants already renewed.

AHPRA has sent email reminders to practitioners who have provided an email address. Practitioners should ensure that we have the correct contact information on record, so as to not miss future renewal reminders. Please check your contact details, at the [Your Account](#) link on the AHPRA homepage, and enter your User ID, date of birth and password (please note that your User ID is not your registration number). If you cannot remember your user ID or password, contact us [online](#) or call: 1300 419 495.

The registration renewal date for practitioners with general or non-practising registration is 30 November 2014. The quickest and easiest way to renew registration is [online](#).

Renewal applications received during December will incur a late payment fee.

Under the National Law¹, practitioners who do not renew their registration within one month of their registration expiry date must be removed from the [national register](#) of health practitioners. Their registration will lapse and they will not be able to practise Chinese medicine in Australia. A fast track application can be made, but only during January. The practitioner cannot practise until the application is processed and the national register is updated.

Practitioners should read the National Board's registration standards carefully before applying to renew as information in support of declarations made in an application could be requested.

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

For more information please refer to [Renewal FAQ's](#) available on the Board's website.

Supervision guidelines for Chinese medicine practitioners

The National Board has considered all feedback from the public consultation and published the final [guidelines](#) with an explanatory statement to explain its response to feedback received.

Calls for applications for National Boards regulating health practitioners across Australia

Applications are now sought for appointments to fill upcoming vacancies for National Board chairs (from practitioner members), practitioner members and community members.

National Board appointments are made by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council, under the National Law. Terms are expected to commence around August 2015. Appointments and reappointments are for up to three years as decided by Ministerial Council. More information about the roles and the application process is included in the [application form and guide](#) available on the AHPRA website. Applications close on **12 November 2014**.

Updating contact details

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AHPRA will be using [Twitter](#) to encourage a greater overall response to National Board consultations and to host regular Twitter chats on important topics.

Important information for practitioners

The National 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 please send an [online enquiry form](#) or contact AHPRA on 1300 419 495.

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