

Communiqué: Tenth meeting Chinese Medicine Board of Australia - 22 May 2012

Consultation – CPD Guidelines

This closes 25 May. The Board will consider the feed-back and develop its final guidelines for issue.

Health Professions Agreement

The Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009 requires the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and the Board to enter a Health Profession Agreement that provides for the following:

- the services to be provided by the Agency to the Board to enable it to carry out its functions;
- the fees payable by health practitioners; and
- the annual budget of the Board.

In developing and signing this Agreement both parties agree that a successful Health Profession Agreement is an important element of an effective working relationship. The Board needs to do everything it can to make its requirements clear and the Agency will do everything it can to provide the services required by the Board to perform its functions.

When the 2012-13 Health Profession Agreement is finalised it will be published on the website.

Limited Registration

Some practitioners have qualifications which require more consideration by the Board to determine whether they meet the requirements for general registration. Under the National Law, the Board is able to grant limited registration if it considers it to be in the public interest.

As these practitioners are currently providing Chinese medicine services, the Board has decided it is in the public interest to allow them to continue to practise while it undertakes this further consideration.

Practitioners granted limited registration will receive a letter from AHPRA explaining what it means.

This limited registration is granted only until such time as the outcome of the application for general registration is finalised, OR for a maximum of 12 months. While holding limited registration, practitioners cannot change employer or scope of work without advising AHPRA.

Unless applicants advise AHPRA otherwise, the National Board will take the information they have provided to be an application for general registration and will continue to assess their qualifications. This may include seeking some additional information or evidence.

If qualifications provided in the application are approved at a later date, the applicants will be granted General Registration. No additional fee will be payable.

Professor Charlie Xue

Chair

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