

Communiqué

17th meeting of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia, 21 January 2013

The January meeting of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (the National Board) was held in the afternoon of 21 January 2013 at the AHPRA National Office in Melbourne. This communiqué provides key decisions made at this meeting. On 22 January, the National Board held its first strategic planning day to set priorities and direction for the next three years.

This communiqué, like all others, will be published on the Board website and an announcement to a broad range of stakeholders will also be sent by an email. Please forward it onto colleagues who may be interested in the work of the National Board.

Happy new year

This meeting was the first for 2013 and the National Board would like to extend best wishes to everyone for the year.

Accreditation Committee update

Further to a recommendation from the Accreditation Committee, the National Board approved an *Interim accreditation standard for Chinese medicine*. While the Accreditation Committee is developing and consulting on an accreditation standard and prior to the National Board approving that accreditation standard, an approved interim accreditation standard is required for Chinese Medicine. It applies only to the monitoring of approved programs which transitioned under section 293 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act.

CMBA strategic planning

The Board conducted its inaugural strategic planning day on 22 January to set its priorities and ensure effectiveness and efficiency of its operation in partnership with the Australian Health Profession Regulatory Agency (AHPRA). The National Board will publish its action plan on the website in coming weeks.

Consultations

With other National Boards, the Board is moving towards public consultation on the *Guidelines for advertising*, *Guidelines for mandatory reporting* and *Social media policy*. These documents are mostly common across National Boards and consultation will be coordinated across all the Boards.

Community Reference Group

AHPRA is establishing a Community Reference Group on behalf of all National Boards. Applications recently closed and an announcement about the membership is expected to be made on the website in coming weeks.

The Community Reference Group will consist of 10 members from the community who will provide input and advice on how AHPRA and the National Boards can engage the community more effectively.

Conclusion

The National Board publishes a range of information about registration and the National Board's expectations of practitioners on its website at www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/

For more detail or with questions about your registration please send an [online enquiry form](#) or contact AHPRA on 1300 419 495.

Yours sincerely,

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