



## Communiqué

### 20th meeting of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia, 23 April 2013

The April meeting of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (the National Board) was held on 23 April 2013 at the AHPRA National Office in Melbourne. This communiqué provides key decisions made at this meeting.

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

#### Policy Committee

The Policy Committee has done substantial work on the *Infection Control Guidelines for Acupuncture Practice (the Guidelines)*. The Guidelines, Frequently Asked Questions and the Explanatory Statement will be published on the website within the next couple of months.

The Committee recently developed *Quick Reference of the Infection prevention and control guidelines for acupuncture practice* (Quick Reference Guide), which is in its early development and will be published within the next couple of months.

#### Chinese Medicine Board of Australia Strategic Plan for 2013 - 2014

A draft Chinese Medicine Board of Australia Strategic Plan for 2013 - 2014 is in its final development stages and will be presented for review at the May National Board meeting.

#### Consultations

The National Board has distributed the *English Language Skills Registration Standard* and the *Criminal History Registration Standard* for preliminary consultation. Any changes to the standard would only apply to the post-grandparenting phase (after 30 June 2015). This means that for Chinese medicine there will be no change to the current communication requirements and grandparenting arrangements as a result of this consultation.

An opportunity for public consultation will be available later in the year. These documents are mostly common across National Boards and consultation will be coordinated across all the Boards.

#### Newsletter

The National Board will be publishing their second newsletter in May 2013. Further information about news can be located at: <http://www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/News.aspx>.

#### 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/](http://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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