



Communiqué

26th meeting of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia, 22 October 2013

The 26th meeting of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (the National Board) was held on 22 October 2013 at AHPRA's National Office in Melbourne. This communiqué provides key decisions made at the meeting.

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

AHPRA update

Report of phase two practitioner audit

The report on the second phase of the audit pilot that was run earlier this year with the pharmacy, optometry and chiropractic professions has now been published on the AHPRA website. See www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Audit.aspx.

The report explains the approach to auditing practitioner compliance with the National Boards' registration standards and provides valuable information for the continued development of practitioner audits in the National Scheme.

Renewal and registration campaigns update

AHPRA, on behalf of the National Boards, is sending a series of email reminders to the 144,000 health practitioners due to renew their registration by 30 November 2013. Professions due to renew are: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice, Chinese medicine, chiropractic, dental, medical radiation practice, occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathy, pharmacy, physiotherapy, podiatry and psychology.

Meanwhile, AHPRA is now calling for online applications for registration from final-year students about to graduate at the end of 2013. More information is available at www.ahpra.gov.au under *Graduate applications*.

Annual report

The 2012/13 [Annual Report](#) of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and the National Boards has been published.

Registration Committee update

Renewal period

Members noted that the renewal period for Chinese medicine registrants opened early September 2013. All registrants with general and non-practising registration are due to renew by 30 November 2013.

Frequently asked questions (FAQ) are published on the website to answer any common queries a practitioner may have about registration renewal.

Further information regarding the Board's [registration standards](#) is available on the website.

Quarterly registration data

The Board has released its quarterly registration data.

The data includes information about types of registration held, principal place of practice, endorsements, registrant age and gender. The latest report and other statistics are on the [Board's website](#).



Notification Committee update

The Notification Committee considered six matters at its September meeting. There are currently 18 open notification matters, including compliance matters, involving Chinese medicine practitioners.

Policies, Standards, Codes and Guidelines Committee (Policy Committee)

The committee has developed draft guidelines on prescribing and dispensing therapeutic goods. Members requested that a professional reference group be formed to assist further development of the guidelines.

Draft supervision gGuidelines will be released for preliminary consultation, including to key stakeholders, National Boards and AHPRA operational staff for feedback in November.

Audit update

The Board noted an update regarding practitioner audits. All 14 regulated health professions have been scheduled to commence or continue auditing in 2013/14.

From December 2013, audits will commence and will be spread across a four to five month period.

Provisional information has been provided to practitioners in the Board's latest newsletter. AHPRA has released generic audit information on its [website](#). Further resources will be developed for the professions prior to and during the audit process.

Board membership update

The community member vacancy has not yet been filled.

Members noted that there is a round of multiple National Board reappointments/appointments arising from the expiry of inaugural terms on 1 July 2014, which is expected to commence in November 2013 and be finalised in April 2014.

Accreditation matters

The Accreditation Committee for Chinese medicine has published consultations on the [draft accreditation standards and accreditation processes](#). The Accreditation Committee continues to prepare the accreditation standards, accreditation processes and supporting documentation. Once completed and following a recommendation to the Board, members will be asked to approve the accreditation standards and processes.

Newsletter

The newsletter was published on 15 October 2013. It was emailed to registered practitioners, and is available on the Board website at www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/News/2013-10-15-newsletter.aspx.

Important information for practitioners

The National Board publishes a range of information about registration, including its expectations of practitioners, at www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au.

Chinese medicine practitioners across Australia are reminded that their registration is due for renewal **by 30 November 2013**. We urge you to provide up-to-date email contact details to AHPRA so you don't miss the reminders to renew. Letters will be sent to practitioners who have not supplied an email address.

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

Yours sincerely,

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