



Communiqué

23rd meeting of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia, 23 July 2013

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

This communiqué 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.

AHPRA Update

This year celebrates the third anniversary of AHPRA. The Business Plan for 2013/14 has been published. It outlines how AHPRA will achieve its goals in implementing the National Scheme for health professionals. The Business Plan can be found at: <http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Legislation-and-Publications/AHPRA-Publications.aspx>

Registration Committee Update

The Board has registered 4,070 Chinese medicine practitioners. In addition, there are 102 applications in the process of being reviewed by the Registration Committee of the National Board.

An Education Conditions Working Group was established in May 2013 and is in the process identifying educational resources to assist registered practitioners with educational conditions to meet relevant conditions.

Notification Committee Update

The Notification Committee consider notification matters and compliance matters. The Board noted there are currently 18 open notification matters and 10 compliance matters involving Chinese medicine practitioners.

Jurisdictions currently without any open notifications include the Australian Capital Territory, Northern Territory and Tasmania. Further information regarding notifications and outcomes can be found at: <http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Notifications.aspx>

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

The Policy Committee has updated the Frequently Asked Questions on Patient Records which can be accessed from the Boards website at <http://www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/Codes-Guidelines.aspx>

The Committee has also completed draft Supervision Guidelines which will be released for preliminary consultation, including to key stakeholders, national boards and AHPRA operational staff for feedback within the next three months.

Accreditation Consultation Update

The Accreditation Committee for [Chinese Medicine](#) is seeking input on the draft accreditation standards and accreditation processes. Feedback is open until 6 September 2013.

The Committee has a responsibility to develop accreditation standards for programs of study, for approval by the National Board and to establish processes to assess and monitor programs of study and education providers against the approved accreditation standards. The consultation process will provide important feedback on this program of work for the Board.

More information about the consultation is published on the website under accreditation.



Board membership and vacancy

The Board welcomed a community member Ms Esther Alter, to fill a vacancy.

In June 2013, the National Board was advised that Professor Vivian Lin was resigning from the Board in order to pursue other work opportunities. Professor Lin was Chair of the Chinese Medicine Registration Board of Victoria (2000-2009) and an inaugural member and Deputy Chair of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia, her rigour and input into Board matters was greatly valued by all members. The Board would like to thank Professor Lin for her contributions and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

There is now a vacancy on the Board for a community member from any jurisdiction in Australia, which has been advertised. The application guide and application form are available on the AHPRA website <http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Health-Professions/Board-member-recruitment.aspx>.

The Board encourages community members to express their interest in being appointed by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council to the vacancy. Applications close 5pm AEST, Monday 19 August 2013.

Practitioner registration fees are published

The Board has announced practitioner registration fees for 2013/14. AHPRA published a media release which provides information on four Boards that have reduced their fees, two that have frozen their fees and eight that have limited their fee increases to the national consumer price index. The new fees apply from 1 August 2013. The fee schedules and updated forms for all professions will go live on the website on Thursday 1 August.

Newsletter

The National Board June newsletter is available at: <http://www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/News.aspx>.

The next newsletter is expected to be published in October 2013.

Important Information for Practitioners

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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