

## Communiqué

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22 September 2015

The 47<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 22 September 2015 at the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency's (AHPRA) National Office in Melbourne, Victoria.

This communiqué provides key decisions made at the meeting. It is also published on the Board's [website](#) and an announcement via email is sent to a broad range of stakeholders. Please forward the communiqué to colleagues who may be interested in the work of the Board.

### **Perth forum invitation for practitioners, students and stakeholders of Chinese medicine**

The Chinese Medicine Board of Australia invites practitioners, students and stakeholders of Chinese medicine to attend an information forum being held at The University of Western Australia Claremont Campus on Monday, 23 November 2015. Further details are now available on the Board's [website](#).

### **Imminent release of Guidelines for safe Chinese herbal medicine practice**

The Board is finalising the guidelines and preparing supporting explanatory materials. This guideline and related documents are scheduled for publication in mid-November 2015.

### **Renewal of Registration**

Online renewal of registration is now open for Chinese medicine practitioners registered in Australia.

Chinese medicine practitioners who are due to renew their general or non-practising registration with the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (the Board) by 30 November can apply online now.

Earlier this month the Board announced that it had frozen the registration fee for the registration period from 1 December 2015 to 30 November 2016. A fee schedule, including the fee arrangements for practitioners whose principal place of practice is NSW<sup>1</sup>, is published on the Board's website.

The National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme) is funded by practitioners' registration fees and there is no cross subsidisation between professions.

A series of reminders to renew are being sent to practitioners by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), on behalf of the Board. The email reminders include a link to online renewal.

Board Chair, Professor Charlie Xue, hoped Chinese medicine practitioners had acted on the Board's earlier call to update their contact details.

'Under the National Law, registered health practitioners such as Chinese medicine practitioners, are responsible for renewing their registration on time each year.

'So make sure AHPRA has your current contact information so you don't miss future email and hard copy reminders to renew,' he said.

Last year 97.6% of all health practitioner registration renewals due by 30 November (12 professions) were submitted online, an increase of 1.3% when compared with the percentage of practitioners who renewed their registration online in the previous year.

Useful information for Chinese medicine practitioners is on the Board's website:

[Registration standards](#)

[Registration renewal](#)

[Renewal FAQ](#)

## **For more information**

For registration enquiries: 1300 419 495 (within Australia) +61 03 9275 9009 (overseas callers)

For media enquiries: (03) 8708 9200

## **Updating contact details**

To check or update the contact details you have lodged with AHPRA, access the online services panel for practitioners on the homepage of the Board's website and click *Update your contact details*. Enter your user ID, date of birth and password (please note that your user ID is not your registration number). If you don't remember your user ID or password, contact us [online](#) or phone 1300 419 495 for help.

## **Follow @AHPRA on Twitter**

AHPRA will be using [Twitter](#) to encourage a greater overall response to National Board consultations and to host regular Twitter chats on important topics.

## **Important information for practitioners**

The National Board publishes a range of information about registration, including its expectations of practitioners, at [www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au](http://www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au). For more details or help with questions about your registration please send an [online enquiry form](#) or contact AHPRA on 1300 419 495.

## **Professor Charlie Xue**

Chair, Chinese Medicine Board of Australia  
1 October 2015