

Communiqué

23 February 2016

The 51st meeting of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 23 February 2016 in Adelaide.

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.

Health practitioner regulation: Learn how you're protected

A new video and an accompanying infographic explaining the Australia-wide scheme that is in place to protect members of the public was released by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) in December.

Both resources are available on the [What we do](#) page of the AHPRA website. The video can also be watched on AHPRA's [YouTube channel](#).

Registration standards review update

The Board is reviewing its registration standards in 2016 in conjunction with the other National Boards that started under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme) in 2012. The registration standards being reviewed are:

- professional indemnity insurance arrangements (PII)
- continuing professional development (CPD), and
- recency of practice (ROP).

Draft standards are being developed. The Board anticipates preliminary consultation starting mid-2016. In the meantime, the currently published [registration standards](#) are in force.

Standards compliance audit

All health practitioners registered under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law), are required to comply with a range of registration standards.

These standards were developed after wide-ranging consultation and have been approved by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (Ministerial Council).

Last year the Board participated in an audit of registration standard compliance. In the coming months, AHPRA will again randomly select Chinese medicine practitioners to audit their compliance with the Board's registration standards.

An information pack will be sent to those selected for audit. Additional information is available on the Board's [website](#).

Melbourne forum for practitioners, students and stakeholders of Chinese medicine

The National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme) for Chinese medicine practitioner registration has been in operation for three and a half years. The Board is conducting a number of meetings to engage more directly with the profession. This has been identified as a strategic priority for the Board. Over the last 12 months, the Board has conducted engagement meetings in Sydney, Adelaide and Perth.

The Board recently held a forum in Adelaide on 21 February 2016, with a full house of 50 attendees.

The Board would like to invite you to its next forum in Melbourne, to discuss regulation and encourage the integration of registration standards, codes and guidelines into your daily practice. There will be a Board presentation, time for questions and networking.

Please register your attendance to this free event as places are limited.

Date: Monday 21 March 2016

Time: 5.30pm till 7.00pm

Venue: Citadines on Bourke, Melbourne

Keep an eye on the [news section](#) of the Board's website for further details.

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

For more details or help with questions about your registration, notifications or other matters relevant to the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, refer to information published on www.ahpra.gov.au or [contact AHPRA](#), send an [online enquiry form](#) or call on 1300 419 495.

Professor Charlie C Xue

Chair, Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

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[The Chinese Medicine Board of Australia](#) is the regulator of Chinese medicine practitioners in Australia and acts to protect the public by ensuring that suitably qualified and competent Chinese medicine practitioners are registered. The Board is responsible for developing registration standards, codes and guidelines for Chinese medicine practitioners and managing notifications (complaints) about Chinese medicine practitioners and Chinese medicine students. The Board does this through its powers under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory, and the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme, supported by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). The Board's work in regulating Australia's Chinese medicine practitioners in the public interest is underpinned by [regulatory principles](#), which encourage a responsive, risk-based approach to regulation.*

**Except in NSW and Qld which have co-regulatory arrangements.*