

## Communiqué: Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

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### March 2017 meeting

The 63<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 28 March 2017 in Melbourne.

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 Board's work.

#### Update on standards review

The Board is currently conducting a review of its registration standards for professional indemnity insurance arrangements, continuing professional development and recency of practice (and any related guidelines) jointly with a number of other National Boards. The Board regularly reviews its standards as part of good regulatory practice to consider developments since the standards were last approved, and whether any changes are needed to keep the standards current and as effective as possible.

The Board undertook preliminary consultation late last year with key stakeholders on its draft revised standards. It received helpful feedback and thanks these stakeholders for taking the time to review the draft revised standards. The Board is still reviewing the feedback received and undertaking further work including additional research. The Board is expecting to consult publicly on the revised standards in the latter half of 2017 and will publish further information about the consultation process on the Board's website then.

The Board would like to highlight that any changes made to the registration standard after public consultation will have a reasonable period of transition to support the profession in adapting to these changes.

The Board will advise its stakeholders and publish public consultation documents later this year on the [Board's website](#).

#### Application date extended for practitioner member vacancies on the Board

There are multiple practitioner member vacancies on the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia for which applications are now open. Registered practitioners may also express interest in being considered for appointment as Board Chair when applying for the practitioner member vacancy.

All appointments are made by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law). Appointments are for up to three years as decided by the Ministerial Council.

More information about the roles, eligibility requirements and the application process can be found on the [AHPRA website](#).

For enquiries, please contact [statutoryappointments@ahpra.gov.au](mailto:statutoryappointments@ahpra.gov.au).

Applications close **Friday 7 April 2017, 5pm AEST**.

#### Chinese Medicine Reference Group

Members attended the first meeting on 22 February 2017. Further information about the group was published in the [Board's newsletter](#) and a communiqué was published on the [Board's website](#).

## COAG Health Council Meeting Communiqué

The federal and state and territory health ministers met in Melbourne on 24 March 2017 at the [COAG Health Council](#) to discuss a range of national health issues. The meeting was chaired by the Victorian Minister for Health, the Hon Jill Hennessy. AHPRA CEO Martin Fletcher attended the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (the Council) meeting which brings together all health ministers throughout Australia to provide oversight for the work of the National Accreditation and Registration Scheme (the National Scheme). AHPRA and National Boards provide a regular update to the Council on our work.

This meeting had a particular focus on the progress of amendments to the National Law which, among other things, will pave the way for the registration of paramedics from 2018 and a call for expressions of interest and nominations for first appointments to the National Board before this. Ministers also discussed further amendments to the National Law to increase the penalties for people holding out as registered health practitioners.

The Council produces a communiqué from its meeting which can be accessed on [AHPRA's website](#).

### New accreditation publications about costs and international accreditation systems

Two new papers have been published about key aspects of the accreditation functions under the National Scheme.

The papers provide a new analysis of accreditation costs and an international comparison of accreditation systems for registered health professions in comparable health systems.

To read more about the papers, visit the [news item](#) on the AHPRA website. [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.

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### Important information for practitioners

The 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, notifications or other matters relevant to the National Scheme, refer to information published on [www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au) or [contact AHPRA](#), send an [online enquiry form](#) or call on 1300 419 495.

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#### Chair, Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

4 April 2017

*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.*