

Communiqué: Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

September 2017 meeting

The 68th meeting of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 26 September 2017 in Brisbane.

This communiqué provides key decisions made at the meeting. It is also published on the Board’s [website](http://www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/) 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.

Upcoming forums: invitation for Chinese medicine practitioners, students and stakeholders

The National Board is inviting practitioners, students and stakeholders of Chinese medicine to attend information fora being held around Australia.

| **State** | **Dates** | **Time** |
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| **Adelaide,**  **South Australia** | **Monday 11 December**  Adelaide Karstens  19 Young Street, Adelaide | 6:00 to 7:30 PM |

There will be a Board presentation and time for questions and discussion, then networking and light refreshments.

Please put these dates in your diary for planning and when you receive an invitation or see the details on the website for your location, RSVP about your attendance.

Fees for 2017-18

The Board has frozen the registration fee at $579. It will cover the registration period for most practitioners from 1 December 2017 to 30 November 2018. A [full fee schedule](http://www.chiropracticboard.gov.au/Registration/Fees.aspx), is published on the [Board’s website](http://www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/Registration/Fees.aspx).

The National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme) is funded by practitioners’ registration fees. The decision to keep the fee frozen ensures practitioners are not unduly burdened, but still provides sufficient income to allow the Board to carry out its function under the National Law and its duty to protect the public.

**Form digitisation and process for graduate online applications and document verification**

The Board noted the progress of form digitisation and the enhancements to the applicant experience to be implemented for online graduate[[1]](#footnote-1), applications from October 2017. As part of the improved new online application process for graduates, applicants will be able to upload supporting documentation online for submission with their application. In addition to this, a primary source verification process will be available for a number of proof of identity documents in real-time, a service that links directly to the Australian and/or New Zealand Government’s issuing authorities.

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](http://www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/) 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](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/Contact-Us.aspx) 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](http://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/Contact-Us.aspx), send an [online enquiry form](https://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/Contact-Us/Make-an-Enquiry.aspx) or call on 1300 419 495.

Professor Charlie C Xue

Chair, Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

26 September 2017

[*The Chinese Medicine Board of Australia*](http://www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/) *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*](https://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/Regulatory-principles.aspx)*, which encourage a responsive, risk-based approach to regulation.*

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

The Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).

1. Online graduate applications currently include all graduate applications for all professions as well as provisional to general (P to G) medical and pharmacy and enrolled nurse to registered nurse (EN to RN). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)