

Communiqué: Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

September 2018 meeting

The 79th meeting of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 25 September 2018 in Melbourne.

This communiqué provides details on the main 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.

Chinese Medicine Reference Group

The third meeting of the Chinese Medicine Reference Group (the Reference Group) took place in Melbourne at the Australian Health Practitioner Regulations Agency's (AHPRA) national office on 29 August 2018.

The purpose of the Reference Group is to enhance a common understanding of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme) from the differing perspectives of key stakeholders. The Reference Group consists of both health practitioners and representatives of organisations who provide collective advice to the Board.

Some very interesting topics and presentations were covered, and a Board [communiqué](#) has been published about this meeting.

The Board is calling for applications from registered Chinese medicine practitioners for appointment to the Reference Group. To view the vacancy and submit an application, please visit the [Committee member recruitment page](#) on the AHPRA website.

New results format for OET English language test

AHPRA and the Board have started accepting an updated format of test results for the Occupational English Test (OET).

All National Boards have a registration standard for English language skills, which require applicants for initial registration to demonstrate English language skills to be suitable for registration. The OET is one of the English language skills tests accepted by the Board.

The English language level being tested by OET remains the same with a minimum score of B, or a minimum score of 350 (the equivalent of a B) on the new numerical scale in each of the four components (listening, reading, writing and speaking) to meet the standards. Test takers are not being measured differently, with the only change being the way the OET scores are described. As such, the National Board's [English language skills registration standards](#) referring to OET have not changed.

AHPRA and the Board have updated internal systems and relevant application forms to accommodate and reflect the new numerical scale.

Call for applications for appointment to AHPRA Agency Management Committee

The National Scheme regulates over 700,000 registered health practitioners and 160,000 registered students. It also accredits over 740 approved programs of study delivered by over 330 education providers.

Applications are now sought for appointments to the governing board of AHPRA. Multiple vacancies exist for:

- members with expertise in health and/or education and training, and

- members with expertise in business and administration.

Applications are also sought for the role of Chair.

All appointments are made by the Ministerial Council for up to three years under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (the National Law).

For information on the role, eligibility requirements and to download the application form, visit <http://www.ahpra.gov.au/About-AHPRA/Agency-Management-Committee.aspx>

For enquiries, please contact statutoryappointments@ahpra.gov.au

Applications must be received by **5pm AEDT on Monday 29 October 2018** to statutoryappointments@ahpra.gov.au.

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 [home page](#) 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 can'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.

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 or [contact AHPRA](#), send an [online enquiry form](#) or call on 1300 419 495.

Professor Charlie Xue

Chair

Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

25 September 2018

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 (the National Law), as in force in each state and territory, and the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National 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.*