

Communiqué: Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

October 2019 meeting

The 90th meeting of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 22 October 2019 in Sydney.

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.

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

The Board of Australia (the Board) invites Chinese medicine practitioners, students and stakeholders to attend an information forum at Karstens Brisbane on Monday 25 November 2019.

The Board is conducting several meetings/forums to engage more directly with the profession. The Board has identified this as a strategic priority.

The Board invites you to this forum to discuss regulation and encourage the integration of registration standards, codes and guidelines into Chinese medicine practice. **Please register** your attendance on this [website](#) as the venue can only accommodate 120 people

Topics at the forum will include:

- an update from the Board
- current policy issues in Chinese medicine
- notifications trends in Chinese medicine

Plus we will have time for questions and discussion followed by light refreshments.

Registration renewal due by 30 November

Chinese medicine practitioners wishing to renew their registration on time must do so by 30 November 2019.

The quickest and easiest way to renew is [online](#). Practitioners who do not apply to renew their registration by 31 December 2019 will have lapsed registration. They will be removed from the Register of Chinese medicine Practitioners and will not be able to practise their profession in Australia. Renewal applications received in December will incur a late payment fee in addition to the annual renewal fee. This is outlined in the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory. Further information about renewal is available on the Board's website.

Important consultations are open – feedback invited

Three public consultations are now open asking for people to have their say on revised guidance to help practitioners and others understand their mandatory notification obligations, understand their obligations when advertising a regulated health service and to support a responsive and risk-based approach to supervised practice

The Board is conducting the consultations alongside other National Boards and AHPRA on:

- revised *Guidelines: Mandatory notifications about registered health practitioners and Guidelines: Mandatory notifications about health students*
- revised *Guidelines on advertising regulated health services*, and
- a proposed *Supervised practice framework*.

The Board invites Chinese medicine practitioners and its stakeholders to provide feedback to these important public consultations. To ensure everyone has the chance to respond the closing dates for public consultation have been staggered as follows:

- Public consultation on the mandatory notifications guidelines will close on 6 November 2019.
- Public consultation on the advertising guidelines will close on 26 November 2019.
- Public consultation on the supervised practice framework will close on 17 December 2019.

The consultation papers are available on the [Consultations page](#) of the Board's 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 [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.

Follow AHPRA on social media

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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.

Distinguished Professor Charlie C. Xue

**Chair
Chinese Medicine Board of Australia**

22 October 2019

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.*