

Communiqué

June 2017 meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia

The 91st meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 29 June 2017 in Melbourne. The Board publishes this communiqué on our website and emails it to a broad range of stakeholders. At each meeting, the Board considers a wide range of issues, many of which are routine and are not included in this communiqué.

The whole Board meets as the Registration and Notification Committee (RNC) on the same day as the Board meetings.

New advertising information available for practitioners

The Board noted that new advertising information is now available on the AHPRA website to help osteopaths **check and correct their advertising to make sure they comply** with legal requirements.

It includes:

- examples of non-compliant advertising by registered health practitioners and changes that would help it to comply with the National Law¹
- information about AHPRA's process for managing advertising complaints, and
- a summary of advertising guidelines.

Osteopaths are responsible for their advertising and must be able to substantiate any claims made that their treatments benefit patients. If in doubt about a claim, osteopaths should leave it out of their advertising.

More about advertising requirements is in the *Advertising resources* section of the AHPRA website at www.ahpra.gov.au.

Request for quote: Revised *Capabilities for osteopathic practice*

The Board was pleased to receive submissions from a number of bidders in response to its public procurement process to amend the draft revised *Capabilities for osteopathic practice*. The Board has commenced the selection process and will update the profession when the contract is awarded to the successful bidder.

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¹ The Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).

Keeping in touch with the Board

The Board publishes a range of information about registration and the Board's expectations of practitioners on its website at www.osteopathyboard.gov.au. Osteopaths are encouraged to refer to the site for news and updates on policy and guidelines affecting their profession.

For more information about registration, notifications or other matters relevant to the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme please refer to the information published on www.ahpra.gov.au. Alternatively, contact AHPRA by an [online enquiry form](#) or phone 1300 419 495.

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Osteopathy Board of Australia

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