



## Communiqué

### Meetings of the Osteopathy Board of Australia on 17 & 23 February 2012

The 29th and 30th meetings of the Osteopathy Board of Australia were held on 17 February 2012 and 23 February 2012 (the latter by teleconference). The Board is established under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act* (National Law) as in force in each state and territory.

At each meeting, the Board considers a wide range of issues, many of which are routine and are not included in this communiqué.

### Meeting with the Accreditation Council

The Osteopathy Board of Australia met with the Executive of the Australian and New Zealand Osteopathic Council (ANZOC) on 17 February 2012 as a joint meeting of the full Boards of both bodies. It was a valuable opportunity to continue the regular meetings of both bodies, and to plan for the future in regard to the accreditation functions of ANZOC, including the assessment of overseas osteopathy graduates who wish to register to practice in Australia.

### Board consultations

The consultation on the *Draft Guidelines on Clinical Records for osteopaths* closed in February 2012. The Board thanks all the interested stakeholders who responded with a submission. Those submissions can be found on the Board website under [www.osteopathyboard.gov.au/News/Past-Consultations.aspx](http://www.osteopathyboard.gov.au/News/Past-Consultations.aspx). The Board will review these submissions and keep the profession informed about progress of the consultation through communiqués.

### Capabilities for Experienced Osteopathic Practice project

A reminder that the Board has re-released a request for quote for developing the *Capabilities for Experienced Osteopathic Practice*. Further information is available on the Board's website at [www.osteopathyboard.gov.au](http://www.osteopathyboard.gov.au). The closing date for the receipt of submissions by the Board is 15 March 2012. Previous interested applicants are invited to submit an application.

### Expressions of Interest: Panel Member List

A reminder that the Board is inviting expressions of interest for its panel member list. Information about the expression of interest process is on the website. Applications close on 6 April 2012.

### Advertising

The Board is pleased to announce that an *Advertising Fact Sheet* and *FAQ* have been published to the AHPRA website and will soon be also available on the Board's homepage under *Latest News*.

### Registration applications now open for four more professions

Registration applications are now open for practitioners in the four professions joining the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme) in July.

From 1 July 2012, the following professions must be registered with their National Board to practise anywhere in Australia:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practitioner
- Chinese medicine practitioner<sup>1</sup>
- Medical radiation practitioner and
- Occupational therapist.

Registration application forms for practitioners in these professions who intend to practise after 1 July are published on each National Board website through [www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au).

The National Board encourages osteopaths to help spread this important message and refer anyone with questions about this to the website.

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Osteopathy Board of Australia  
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<sup>1</sup> *Including Chinese medicine practitioners, acupuncturists, Chinese herbal medicine practitioners, oriental medicine practitioners and Chinese herbal dispensers*