



## Communiqué

### Ninth Meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia 24 June 2010

The ninth meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia was held on 24 June 2010 in Melbourne.

As in previous meetings, the Board focused on the issues to support the smooth introduction of the national registration and accreditation scheme on 1 July 2010.

#### Transition to the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme

At the time of the Board's June meeting, all jurisdictions except for South Australia and Western Australia had passed legislation to join the national scheme. The Board continued to focus on a range of transitional issues to prepare for the commencement of the national scheme, noting that contingencies were in place by AHPRA in the event that one or more jurisdictions did not join the scheme by 1 July 2010.

The Board finalised its Registration Transition Plan which is published on its website ([www.osteopathyboard.gov.au](http://www.osteopathyboard.gov.au)). This outlines how registration types in each State and Territory converted to the new registration types and endorsements under the national scheme.

#### Board Committees

The Board finalised terms of reference and appointments for its Registration and Notifications Committee, which will also consider issues requiring urgent action.

#### Guidelines

The Board has now published the following guidelines on its website:

- Code of conduct for osteopaths
- Guidelines on continuing professional development
- Mandatory notification guidelines

The Board is expecting to publish Guidelines on Advertising shortly.

#### Health profession agreement

The Board finalised its agreement with AHPRA, which sets out how AHPRA will support the Board and enable it to fulfill its primary role to protect the public. The agreement includes details of fees set by the Board including fees for registrants in New South Wales where a co-regulatory model exists. The fees set by the Board are published on the Board's website.

#### Accreditation arrangements

AHPRA and the Australia and New Zealand Osteopathic Council (ANZOC) are finalising an agreement for ANZOC to undertake accreditation functions for the Board.

### **Approaching 1 July 2010 and commencement of the National Scheme**

The Board thanks the AHPRA staff and National Registration and Implementation Project team for their continued hard work on preparing for implementation of the national scheme by 1 July 2010.

The Board's website has been updated to coincide with the commencement of the national scheme. There is now a range of important documents, guidelines and policies published on this site and the Board encourages practitioners to make themselves familiar with the information published at [www.osteopathyboard.gov.au](http://www.osteopathyboard.gov.au).

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