



Communiqué

July 2016 meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia

The 81st meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 28 July 2016 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 to consider registration and notification (complaint) matters.

Approval of revised accreditation standards for osteopathy

Under the National Law, the Australasian Osteopathic Accreditation Council (AOAC) is responsible for developing accreditation standards for the approval of the Board. Accreditation standards are used to assess whether a program of study, and the education provider that delivers the program of study, provide individuals who complete the program with the knowledge, skills and professional attributes to practise as osteopaths.

The AOAC completed the scheduled review of the accreditation standards. The entry-level program accreditation standards specify the criteria against which osteopathy programs of study are evaluated. Throughout the review, the AOAC undertook wide-ranging public consultation. The AOAC considered the feedback received from stakeholders during the consultation when finalising the standards for submission to the Board.

The Board has approved the revised *Accreditation Standards for osteopathic courses in Australia*. They will be published on the Board's website under the 'Accreditation' tab and take effect on the day they are published on the Board's website.

Call for applications for appointment to the Scheduled Medicines Expert Committee

AHPRA is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified and experienced persons to be appointed to a Scheduled Medicines Expert Committee (the Expert Committee).

The role of the Expert Committee is to advise the National Boards on policy related to the use of scheduled medicines, including matters relevant to National Boards developing submissions regarding endorsements for scheduled medicines for consideration by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council. Appointments are for a period of up to three years and are expected to start in late September 2016. Applications close Monday 22 August 2016.

For more information on the role and the application process, you can download the application guide and application forms from the [AHPRA website](#).

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.

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Chair
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