



Communiqué

Sixteenth Meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia 26 – 27 February 2011

The sixteenth meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia was held on 26 – 27 February 2011 in Sydney. The Board is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act (National Law) as in force in each state and territory.

Limited registration for supervised practice or to sit the ANZOC exam

The Board decided to implement limited registration for supervised practice or to sit the Australian and New Zealand Osteopathic Council (ANZOC) clinical exam for overseas qualified osteopaths. The Board will publish an application form shortly on its website at www.osteopathyboard.gov.au. This is an interim approach pending consultation on the Board's approach to a number of categories of limited registration, which will occur in the coming months.

Work based assessment

The Board has previously agreed in principle to introduce a work based assessment for overseas qualified osteopaths, associated with the ANZOC assessment process. The Board agreed to undertake a project to progress the work based assessment pathway and identify how it can best be implemented.

Student osteopaths

The Board noted work underway to establish the Student Registers required under the National Law. The Board has previously determined that osteopathy students will be registered from the first year of their course. Information about student registration, including what is required of education providers and the impact on students is published on the [AHPRA website](#).

Australian and New Zealand Osteopathic Council (ANZOC)

The Board held a teleconference with the Board of ANZOC. Discussions focused on how the two organisations can work more effectively together and on ANZOC's Interim Assessment Process for overseas qualified osteopaths.

Australian Osteopathic Association

The Board met with the incoming Board of the Australian Osteopathic Association to discuss issues relating to regulation of the osteopathic profession.

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