



Communiqué

Fifteenth Meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia 16 December 2010

The fifteenth meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia was held on 16 December 2010 in Melbourne. The Board is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act (National Law) as in force in each state and territory.

Assessment of overseas qualified osteopaths

The Board made decisions about the assessment process for overseas-qualified osteopaths and is working closely with ANZOC to schedule an assessment process in 2011. The Board expects more information to be available shortly and will provide advice on its website at www.osteopathyboard.gov.au as soon as possible.

Continuing Professional Development (CPD)

The Board continued to work on revised CPD guidelines. These will not change the requirements in the Board's CPD Registration Standard and existing CPD guidelines, but will provide additional guidance and information for osteopaths to help the transition to CPD under the National Law.

As previously advised, the Board has developed a phased approach to introducing mandatory CPD requirements. Renewal of registration after 30 June 2012 will require a declaration that the osteopath has complied with the Board's CPD requirements in the 12 months preceding the renewal date. The Board is working to prepare for the first period of mandatory CPD which will progressively apply to renewals from 30 June 2011.

Qualifications for general registration

Under section 49(1) of the National Law, the Board approved the Bachelor of Science (Clinical Science)/Master of Health Science (Osteopathy) from Victoria University Osteopathy Course as an approved qualification for general registration as an osteopath, while the course is accredited by ANZOC.

Under section 53(b) of the National Law, the Board decided that the Bachelor of Applied Science (Human Biology) / Master of Osteopathy from Unitec in New Zealand, is a qualification which the Board considers to be substantially equivalent to an approved qualification for general registration as an osteopath.

Student registration

The Board considered work to prepare for student registration in 2011. AHPRA will work directly with education providers to register students enrolled in the 2011 academic year and will seek lists of enrolled students at the end of March 2011. Individual students do not need to do anything directly to become registered with their National Board in the national registration and accreditation scheme.

More information about student registration is available on the Board's website at www.osteopathyboard.gov.au.

Communication

The Board encourages all osteopaths to provide their email address to AHPRA to help the Board to communicate effectively. When you receive your registration renewal reminder letter from AHPRA which includes a user id and password, please log in and add your email address to your contact details, so the Board can communicate with you directly.

Best wishes from the Board

The Board would like to wish osteopaths and its stakeholders a happy and safe holiday period and looks forward to working with you again in 2011.

Robert Fendall
Chair
Osteopathy Board of Australia
21 December 2010