



Communiqué

26 March 2015 meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia

The 66th meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 26 March 2015 in Melbourne. This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the Board's meeting. 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.

Competent authority pathway evaluation

The Board's accreditation council, the Australasian Osteopathic Accreditation Council (AOAC), has been tasked by the Board to evaluate the competent authority pathway (CAP) for eligible registered osteopaths from the United Kingdom. Individuals using this pathway apply for provisional registration to undertake a period of supervised practice for six months. The Board met with the AOAC's independent consultant and discussed the forthcoming evaluation.

Audit of osteopaths – 2014 outcomes

Each time a registered health practitioner applies to renew their registration, they make a declaration that they have (or have not) met some or all of the registration standards for their profession. During audit practitioners are requested to provide information that supports their declarations, which may include an explanation why some requirements have not been met.

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) has finalised the 2014 audit of osteopaths and all were found to be compliant.

Forthcoming audit of osteopaths

In May 2015, AHPRA, on behalf of the Board, will undertake audits of compliance with the Board's registration standards, including criminal history, continuing professional development, professional indemnity insurance and recency of practice. We urge all osteopaths to be aware of the requirements of these [registration standards](#). For more information please refer to the [Audit page on the Board's website](#).

What is the audit process?

- Registrants are randomly selected for audit and receive an audit notice in the mail.
- Registrants have four weeks to provide the requested documentation to AHPRA. Along with the notice, participants will receive a checklist to assist in preparing the required documentation as evidence of the activities which meet the requirements of the standard.
- Once AHPRA has received the completed checklist and supporting documentation, the submission will be compared against the declarations the registrant made in their last renewal application.
- AHPRA may request further documentation be provided and/or refer cases to the National Board or delegated committee for further investigation.
- Registrants will be advised of the outcome of the audit.

2013/14 osteopathy profession profile online

The Board has published a report of its work in regulating the osteopathic profession in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme) during 2013/14.

The [report](#) provides a profession-specific view of the Board's work to manage risk to the public and regulate the profession in the public interest. It is a profile of osteopathy regulation at work in Australia for the 12 months ending 30 June 2014.

The data in this report are drawn from data published in the [2013/14 annual report](#) of AHPRA and the National Boards, reporting on the National Scheme.

Security tip – keep your web browser updated

AHPRA and the National Boards are making changes to our websites to ensure your information is kept safe.

From early April 2015, anyone using Internet Explorer version 6 (or an older version) to view the Board's website is likely to experience difficulty accessing web pages and online services.

To avoid an interruption to service, we recommend you [upgrade to the newest version of Internet Explorer immediately](#). It is available for free from Microsoft.

If you are using a new version of Internet Explorer and are still having difficulty accessing our website please contact us to report your experience.

Call **1300 419 495** Monday to Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm (Australian Eastern Standard Time).

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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