



Communiqué

February 2016 meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia

The 76th meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 25 February 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.

2014/15 local data summaries from National Scheme

The National Boards and AHPRA have published [reports for each state and territory](#) on the National Scheme. They are for the 2014/15 year of the scheme. The summaries provide local data on registration types, notifications (complaints) and mandatory notifications for the regulated health professions, in each state and territory.

Osteopathy Board of Australia profession profile

The Board will publish in late March a report of its work in the regulation of the osteopathy profession under the National Scheme during 2014/15.

The report provides a profession-specific view of the Board's work to manage risk to the public. It is a profile of regulation at work for the osteopathy profession in Australia for the 12 months ending 30 June 2015.

The data in this report are drawn from data published in the [2014/15 annual report](#) of AHPRA and the National Boards, reporting on the National Scheme.

National awareness campaign

You may have seen the beginning of the AHPRA national awareness campaign which has three phases. **Know your obligations**, the first phase and directed at employers of health practitioners, launched at the close of last year. The message has been shared over social media through targeted ads resulting in a doubling of our online community.

The next phase of the campaign is targeted at practitioners. Under the headline of **The not-so-small print**, practitioners are encouraged to stay up to date with regulation changes as they occur, and to be aware of their obligations as registered health practitioners. Advertisements will be rolled out later this month across a mix of social media, industry publications and newsletters.

Top tips for using the register

The [national register of practitioners](#) is core to the work of all the Boards, as it provides up-to-date information about every registered health practitioner. To help the public and employers get the most out of the register, we have developed [these tips](#). In particular, the tips remind anyone responsible for recruiting health practitioners on how to use the register to verify a practitioner's registration status.

Are your contact details up to date?

It's important to make sure that your contact details recorded with AHPRA are up to date so you don't miss reminders to renew or important information from the Board. You can check your contact details via the ['login' icon](#) at the top right of the AHPRA website.

Email accounts need to be set to receive communications from AHPRA and the Board to avoid misdirection to an account junk box.

If you cannot remember your user ID or password, contact us [online](#) or call 1300 419 495.

Follow @AHPRA on Twitter

AHPRA uses [Twitter](#) to encourage greater discussion about National Board consultations and to host regular Twitter chats on important topics.

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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