



Communiqué

1 October 2015 meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia

The 72nd meeting of the Osteopathy Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 1 October 2015 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.

Online renewal of registration is now open

Online renewal of registration is now open for osteopaths registered in Australia. Osteopaths can renew their general or non-practising registration on the board's [website](#) by 30 November.

A series of reminders with a link to online renewal will be sent to practitioners by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), on behalf of the Board. Osteopaths must ensure that AHPRA has their current contact information so they don't miss email and letter reminders to renew.

In early September the Board announced a [reduction in registration fee](#) for the registration period from 1 December 2015 to 30 November 2016.

More information including the [fee schedule](#) is available on the Board's website:

- [Registration standards](#)
- [Registration renewal](#)
- [Renewal FAQ](#)

Preliminary consultations on patient health records and professional boundaries

The Board considered draft revised *Guidelines for patient health records* and *Guidelines for professional boundaries and sexual misconduct*. In the coming months the board will conduct preliminary consultations and provide draft revised guidelines to key stakeholders.

Following the preliminary consultations the guidelines will be released on our website for public consultations.

Osteopathic International Alliance

I had the privilege of attending the annual conference hosted by the [Osteopathic International Alliance](#), in Montreal, Canada from 25 to 27 September. The conference was a great opportunity to network with other osteopathic regulators, hear from international speakers regarding topical issues and also to workshop ideas of special interest.

Attending these conferences is part of the board's commitment to learning from our international counterparts and sharing knowledge, leadership and experiences across cultures and countries.

Quarterly registration data

The Board has published its [quarterly data profiling Australia's osteopathy workforce](#).

On June 2015, there were a total of 2,000 registered osteopaths comprising the following number of registrants according to registration type:

- 1,917 – general registration
- 17 – provisional registration
- 66 – non-practising registration

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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