



Communiqué

Medical Board of Australia meeting: 22 May 2013

The Medical Board of Australia (the Board) is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).

Review of registration standards, guidelines and codes

The first 10 National Boards to enter the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme) developed standards, guidelines and codes for its commencement on 1 July 2010. These standards, guidelines and codes were scheduled for review at least every three years.

All National Boards have registration standards which define the requirements that applicants, registrants or students need to meet to be registered. There are two registration standards that are common, or largely common, to all National Boards:

- English Language Skills Registration Standard (largely common), and
- Criminal History Registration Standard (common).

The review of these two standards is being coordinated across all National Boards. The consultation paper is being finalised before public consultation.

There are also registration standards which are specific to each profession. Each National Board has standards outlining the requirements for recency of practice, professional indemnity insurance (PII) and continuing professional development (CPD). The Medical Board has started its review of these three registration standards and the registration standards for limited registration for medical practitioners. The Board will consult on these registration standards later in 2013.

With the other National Boards, the Medical Board is currently consulting on:

- revisions to the Guidelines for advertising
- a social media policy and
- revisions to the Guidelines for mandatory notifications.

This consultation closes at the end of May. The consultation process provides an opportunity for stakeholders to provide feedback. Information about the consultation will be published progressively under the News section of the Board's website.

Queensland

The National Board has put the following interim arrangements in place to manage the work of the Queensland Board of the Medical Board of Australia. Health ministers appoint members to state and territory boards of the Medical Board of Australia. There is currently no Queensland Board of the Medical Board of Australia.

The Medical Board of Australia has made arrangements to deal with the core work of the state board in making registration and notification decisions about individual practitioners.

Notifications: The National Board has delegated powers to deal with notifications about practitioners' conduct and performance to the Queensland Medical Interim Notifications Group (QMING). This will ensure that notifications from Queensland can be assessed, investigated and managed. The following individuals have been appointed to the QMING:

Ms Stephanie Gallagher (Chair)	Legal practitioner
Professor Ian Gough	Registered medical practitioner
Dr Mark Waters	Registered medical practitioner
Associate Professor Eleanor Milligan	Community member

Registrations: The National Board has appointed a Queensland Registration Committee made up of Board and Committee members from New South Wales and has expanded the powers of the Registration Committee to enable it to operate in the absence of a state Board.

Health: The Health Committee in Queensland has been retained and its powers have been expanded so it can operate in the absence of a state Board.

Update

The Board is considering moving to an electronic format for its newsletter – Update. This would see the newsletter sent to the email address of medical practitioners who have provided this address to AHPRA. It will also be published on the Board's [website](#).

In preparation for this, please check your contact details lodged with AHPRA through the [Your Account](#) tab on the top right of the AHPRA website. Email accounts should be set to receive communications from AHPRA and the Board to avoid misdirection to an account junk box.

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