

# Communiqué

May 2016

The 74<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Dental Board of Australia (the Board) was held on Friday 27 May in the National Office of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) in Melbourne.

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the Board's meeting as well as other important information.

We publish this communiqué on our website and email it to a broad range of stakeholders. We encourage you to distribute it widely to colleagues and interested parties. This includes distributing it to the different levels in the organisation that you work in.

#### **Dental Board Newsletter**

We have released the latest issue of our e-newsletter. It is available on our website - here.

We have received a lot of feedback from the different dental professional associations suggesting many topics for the newsletter, which we will cover in this and future editions.

There is also a welcome message to those dental practitioners who have registered for the first time in recent months. These reminders apply equally to all registered practitioners so we encourage you to read it.

This gets sent to all registered practitioners that have an email registered with AHPRA, as well as other key stakeholders.

## Request for quote - Assessment model for dental specialists

We are continuing our review of specialist registration pathways for overseas trained dental specialists.

We have published a procurement document for the development of an objective, outcome based assessment model for overseas trained dental specialists applying for specialist registration with the Board.

Further information on the scope of the work required, including deliverables and timelines, is available on our website - <a href="here">here</a>.

## 4th International Conference of Dental Regulators - May 20, 2016

The 4th International Conference of Dental Regulators was held in Geneva, Switzerland on May 20, 2016.

Topics addressed at this year's conference included trade and mobility agreements and their impact on professional regulation, proposed international accreditation standards and dental competencies, and key messages from an investigation led by the <u>Professional Standards Authority</u> into the <u>General Dental Council</u> in the UK.

Further information, including presentation material, from the conference can be found here.

#### **News from AHPRA**

We work in partnership with AHPRA and the other thirteen (13) National Boards to deliver the <u>National</u> Scheme.

Whilst we publish <u>news items</u> specific to our work in regulating dental practitioners, AHPRA <u>publishes</u> updates on work from across the scheme. This includes communiqués from key meetings with government and other stakeholders.

We encourage you to review these from time to time. You are also able to subscribe to the AHPRA newsletter by <u>registering here</u>.

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

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