



## Communiqué

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### Forty fourth meeting of the Dental Board of Australia – 30 August 2013

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

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the Dental Board's August 2013 meeting.

#### **National Registration and Accreditation Scheme 2013 combined meeting**

The National Board meeting was held to coincide with the annual National Registration and Accreditation Scheme combined meeting.

The combined meeting is an annual event to encourage learning through sharing ideas, innovation and networking. The goal is to help us to better understand and respond to our wider regulatory and reform environment.

The combined meeting was attended by members of all of the National Boards, the National Board's Registration and Notification Committees (RNCs), NSW Councils representatives, the Agency Management Committee, AHPRA staff and other partners including representatives of the Australian Dental Council and Dental Council of New Zealand.

The Chairs of the RNCs also attended the Board meeting.

#### **Dental specialties**

The National Board will soon commence a substantial body of work on dental specialties. The project will primarily focus on:

- developing a list of competencies for each dental specialty, and
- reviewing the process for assessing applications for specialist registration from overseas qualified practitioners.

At key stages of the project we will consult with the profession and other key stakeholders.

#### **Review of standards, guidelines and codes**

As the National Board for the dental profession we continue to review the registration standards, guidelines and codes that were developed before the National Scheme commenced. A very important part of this process is consultation.

We undertake two phases of consultation - preliminary and public.

During preliminary consultation we release the paper to key stakeholders, which allows us to 'road test' the feasibility of proposed changes as well as consider feedback that may be incorporated for the following phase.

Public consultations are widely communicated in communiqués and published on our website. This stage is open to everyone.

We will release the following board specific registration standards for preliminary consultation in the coming weeks:

- *Continuing professional development registration standard*
- *Professional indemnity insurance registration standard*
- *Recency of practice registration standard*
- *Endorsement for conscious sedation registration standard, and*
- *Specialist registration standard.*

The following registration standards will be released for public consultation in the coming weeks:

- *Criminal history registration standard, and*
- *English language skills registration standard.*

We invite all interested practitioners, members of the community and other stakeholders to provide feedback to the consultations.

For details about when these consultations will open, please check our website and future communiqués.

### **Advertising**

The National Board reminds all dental practitioners that you are responsible for the content of all advertising material associated with the provision of your goods and services, regardless of the type of media (including social media) used to advertise.

You should ensure that you advertising is compliant with the requirements of the National Law and the [Guidelines for the advertising of regulated health services](#).

We are currently working with the other national boards to finalise the revised version of these guidelines following an extensive consultation process.

### **National Board website**

As always, we encourage all dental practitioners to regularly check the website at [www.dentalboard.gov.au](http://www.dentalboard.gov.au) for information and updates relating to the dental profession.

### **Preparation for registration renewal**

Dental practitioners are due to renew their registration by 30 November each year. AHPRA will forward registration renewal information to dental practitioners before this date.

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.

To check your contact details, go to the Your Account link above, use your unique contact number (User ID) and follow the prompts. Your User ID is not your registration number. If you do not have your User ID, complete an online enquiry form, selecting 'User ID' as the category of enquiry or by calling 1300 419 495.

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