



## Communiqué

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### June 2018 meeting of the Dental Board of Australia

The 97<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Dental Board of Australia (the Board) was held on Friday 29 June 2018 at the National Office of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

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 to colleagues and interested parties, including in the organisation you work in.

#### Regulatory actions

Since the last communiqué, a number of actions taken by the Board and AHPRA have achieved greater protection of the public. Highlights include:

- A Victorian court has convicted Mr Edward Lipohar and fined him \$65,000 plus \$25,000 in costs for unlawfully claiming to be a dental specialist and performing restricted dental acts on two patients. [Read more.](#)

Dental practitioners can find out more about the outcomes of court and tribunal actions on the [Board's website](#) in the *News* section, on the [AHPRA website](#) in the Publications and resources section where there is a page dedicated to court and tribunal outcomes or the [Australasian Legal Information Institute website](#) under regulatory decisions for tribunal decisions.

#### Australian Dental Council new examination and administration centre

Members of the Board recently visited the [Australian Dental Council's](#) (the ADC) new examination and administration centre. The ADC is the accreditation authority responsible for accrediting education providers, programs of study, and conducting assessments for the dental profession.

This new centre is a significant investment that creates a scalable and practicable examination delivery model for the dental profession in Australia. The Board wishes to congratulate the ADC on the delivery of this important project.

#### Scope of practice review update

The Board is currently carrying out a scheduled review of its *Scope of practice registration standard and Guidelines for scope of practice*.

Public consultation has recently concluded with an overwhelming response. More than 1,100 submissions have been received, with a variety of views expressed. The Board thanks all registrants and stakeholders who took the time to provide a submission.

The submissions are currently being reviewed and will be published (except those made in confidence) on the Board's [Past consultations](#) page once this review has been completed.

### **Are your contact details up-to-date?**

It is important that your contact details are up-to-date to receive renewal reminders from AHPRA and information from the Board. You can check your 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.

### **Conclusion**

The National Board publishes a range of information about registration and the National Board's expectations of practitioners on its website at [www.dentalboard.gov.au](http://www.dentalboard.gov.au) or [www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au).

For more information or help with questions about your registration please send an [online enquiry form](#) or contact AHPRA on 1300 419 495.

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**Chair, Dental Board of Australia**

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