

Communiqué

The 35th meeting of the Physiotherapy Board of Australia (the National Board) was held 19 October 2012 at the Perth AHPRA office.

This communiqué outlines the issues discussed and decisions made by the Board at its meeting and other points of interest. The Board publishes this communiqué on its website and emails it to a broad range of stakeholders. Please forward it on to colleagues and employees who may be interested in the work of the Board.

New members

The National Board elected Ms Philippa (Pippa) Tessmann as the Deputy Chair of the Physiotherapy Board of Australia for a term of three years.

Five members of the National Board were appointed to the Continuous Improvement Committee. This committee will concentrate on working up recommendations of strategic importance for the consideration of the National Board.

Consultation paper

The Board has released a consultation paper on the review of the accreditation function for the Physiotherapy Board of Australia. An identical review is being conducted by the other 9 professions which commenced in the National Scheme on 1 July 2010.

Submissions from interested parties are invited until **2 November 2012**. The consultation paper can be found on the Board's website, www.physiotherapyboard.com.au under the *News and Events* tab.

Registration renewal information

On behalf of the National Board, AHPRA has commenced its registration renewal campaign for physiotherapists. Renewal of registration is required by **30 November 2012**.

To update your contact details, go to www.ahpra.gov.au, click online services, 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.

Annual Report

AHPRA and the National Boards submitted the 2012 Annual Report to Ministers by 30 September as required by the National Law. The report, expected to be publicly released on 1 November, details the work of the National Boards and AHPRA in implementing the second year of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme. The release will be supported by the publication of a special edition of AHPRA Report. The 2012 Annual Report and AHPRA Report will both be published online.

Conclusion

The Board publishes a range of information about registration and the Board's expectations of practitioners on its website at www.physiotherapy.gov.au or www.ahpra.gov.au.

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

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Chair

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