

Communiqué

The 37th meeting of the Physiotherapy Board of Australia (the National Board) was held on 1 March 2013 at the Australian Health Practitioner Regulatory Agency (AHPRA) National Office in Brisbane.

This communiqué outlines the issues and decisions from this meeting as well as other points of interest.

We publish this communiqué on our website and email it to a broad range of stakeholders. Please forward it on to your colleagues and employees who may be interested.

Consultations

Pending consultations

We are due to release a consultation paper on the following key documents in coming weeks:

- *Code of conduct for physiotherapists*
- *Guidelines for mandatory notification*
- *Guidelines for the advertising of regulated health services, and*
- *Social media policy.*

These are critical documents that apply to you as physiotherapists, be you an employee or employer.

We encourage you to review the documents when they are published under the *News* tab on the Board's website and provide your feedback. We will notify you when it is released.

Other key documents – continuing professional development standard and guideline, recency of practice standard and guideline – are undergoing a three-yearly review and will be published for consultation in May. Again, we will notify you when they are released.

AHPRA consultation on data access and research

AHPRA is seeking feedback on its proposed [National Registration and Accreditation Scheme data access and research policy](#). The policy establishes a consistent approach for data access and research requests across AHPRA and the National Boards. This consultation closes on 5 April 2013.

Continuing professional development registration standard and guidelines

The *Registration standard for continuing professional development (cpd)* is published on the board's website (www.physiotherapyboard.gov.au).

Recent trends in registration renewals have indicated that some registrants are not aware of the scope of activities that can be counted towards the required 20 hours of continuing professional development for registered physiotherapists. The [guideline](#) provides clarification and examples of what can be counted towards continuing professional development and a template for recording cpd activities and reflections.

Conclusion

We publish a range of information about registration and our expectations of you as a physiotherapist on our website at www.physiotherapyboard.gov.au or www.ahpra.gov.au.

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

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