

Communiqué

The 40th meeting of the Physiotherapy Board of Australia (the National Board) was held on 31 May 2013 at the Australian Health Practitioner Regulatory Agency (AHPRA) office in Darwin.

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.

Physiotherapy Board of Australia committee structure

When the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (National Scheme) began, the Physiotherapy Board of Australia (National Board) established a committee in each jurisdiction, known as the state or territory Board of the Physiotherapy Board of Australia. The state/territory boards perform tasks delegated by the National Board to deal with registration and notification matters in each jurisdiction. These boards successfully navigated a smooth transition for physiotherapists to the National Scheme.

As part of its continuous improvement activities and in line with the objectives of the National Law to operate in the most transparent, efficient and effective manner, the National Board has carefully reviewed its committee structure. It has decided to move towards a national structure to handle registration and notification matters. An implementation plan is being developed to support the transition to a national committee structure. Further updates on this structural change for the board will be communicated as information is available.

Consultations – now closed

The consultation paper on the following key documents has now closed:

- *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 physiotherapists, as both employees and employers.

The Board has received useful feedback from a broad range of stakeholders. That feedback is currently being analysed and considered for inclusion into the final documents.

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 later this year. We will notify you when they are released.

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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