

Communiqué

The 44th meeting of the Physiotherapy Board of Australia (the National Board) was held on 27 September 2013 at the AHPRA offices in Canberra.

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.

Newsletter

The Board will soon be publishing its quarterly newsletter for practitioners. A copy will be emailed to all physiotherapists who have provided AHPRA with an email address. The newsletter will also be published on the [Board's website](#).

Review of standards, guidelines and codes

As the National Board for the physiotherapy profession we continue to review the registration standards, guidelines and codes developed before the National Scheme began. 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 a small group of 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*
- *Continuing professional development guideline*
- *Professional indemnity insurance registration standard*
- *Recency of practice registration standard*
- *Recency of practice guideline, and*
- *Professional indemnity insurance registration standard*

A public consultation phase on these standards will follow.

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 participate in the consultation and provide feedback on these standards.

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

Quarterly data

One of the benefits of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme is that there are now national registers where information is published about every registered health practitioner in Australia. It is now possible to produce accurate reports about the number of practitioners registered in each profession in Australia.

In 2012, the Board began publishing quarterly data profiling Australia's physiotherapy workforce, including a number of statistical breakdowns about registrants such as type of registration held, principal place of practice and registrant age. The latest quarterly report is now available on the Board's website under 'news' and 'statistics'. All the Boards publish similar information about their health profession which is available on each Board's website.

Preparation for registration renewal

Physiotherapists are due to renew their registration by 30 November each year. AHPRA will forward registration renewal reminders to physiotherapists before this date.

To prepare, 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 mailbox.

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.

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 AHPRA on 1300 419 495.

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Chair

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