

## Communiqué

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The 63<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Physiotherapy Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 26 June 2015 at the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) office in Canberra.

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

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

### Revised English language skills and criminal history registration standards in effect soon

Two revised registration standards – the English language skills registration standard and the criminal history registration standard – come into effect soon. The revised English language skills registration standard introduces additional pathways for applicants to demonstrate evidence of their English language skills.

Both standards were developed after a review of the current standards and public consultation. They are approved by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council.

The Board's website has been updated with the revised [registration standards](#). Both standards come into effect from 1 July 2015.

### Registrant survey

Thanks again to all those who contributed to the registrant survey. The results have been useful in informing the Board with regard to communication with registrants.

The correct answers to the survey questions have been published on the [Board's website](#). The answers are in accordance with the requirements of registrants under the National Law<sup>1</sup> as at July 2015. Please note that these requirements are regularly reviewed and it is your responsibility to keep abreast of any changes.

Further information is available through links to the [registration standards](#) and [codes and guidelines](#) provided at the end of each question set and at any time on the Board's website.

### Quarterly registration data released

The Board has released its [quarterly registration data](#). The latest report and other statistics are published on our website under *About*.

### Top tips for using the register

The [register of practitioners](#) is core to all of our work because it provides up-to-date information about every registered health practitioner. To help the public and employers get the most out of the register, we have developed [these tips](#). In particular, the tips remind anyone responsible for recruiting health practitioners how to use the register to verify a practitioner's registration status.

### Updating contact details

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<sup>1</sup> The Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law)

To check or update your contact details, go to the online services panel for practitioners on the homepage of the Board's website and click on the relevant link. Enter your user ID, date of birth and password to access your account. Please note that your user ID is not your registration number. If you cannot remember your user ID or password, contact us [online](#) or call 1300 419 495.

### **Follow @AHPRA on Twitter**

AHPRA uses [Twitter](#) to encourage greater discussion about National Board consultations and to host regular Twitter chats on important topics.

### **Conclusion**

We publish a range of information about registration and our expectations of registered physiotherapists on our website at [www.physiotherapyboard.gov.au](http://www.physiotherapyboard.gov.au) or [www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au).

For more information or help with questions about your registration, please send a web enquiry form or contact AHPRA on 1300 419 495.

### **Paul Shinkfield**

Chair

30 June 2015