



Communiqué

Eighth meeting of the Dental Board of Australia 28 May 2010

The Dental Board of Australia (the Board) is established under the *Health Practitioner Regulation (Administrative Arrangements) National Law Act 2008*. At the eighth meeting, on 28 May 2010, the Board made decisions about a range of matters that will impact on the progression to the national registration and accreditation scheme.

Mailout to registered dental practitioners

The Dental Board of Australia has written to every registered dental practitioner since late April, to support the transition of all registrants into the national scheme. The letter explains each practitioner's registration type from 1 July 2010 and explains what dental practitioners have to do to ensure a safe transition to the national scheme. The letter details the information that will appear on the online national Register of Dental Practitioners. All registrants should by now have received their letter from the Board. If you are a registered dental practitioner and you have not yet received a letter, contact AHPRA on 1300 088 590 as soon as possible.

National Call Centre

Since the mail out to registrants a call centre has been answering questions about the national scheme. The call centre will continue after 1 July to ensure that registrants have access to information about the scheme and can ask questions about any changes that will affect them under the National Law. The call centre number is **1300 088 590**.

There is a range of detailed information on the Board's website published at www.dentalboard.gov.au. Registrants are encouraged to become familiar with the registration standards set by the Board and the expectations the Board has of registrants.

Operational readiness

The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) is working hard to ensure the systems and processes necessary to support national registration are in place on 1 July 2010. New offices have now been established in each State and Territory and staff training is now underway.

Registration standards

Registration Standards are now published on the Board's website at www.dentalboard.gov.au

Codes and Guidelines

The Board thanks the individuals and organisations that provided thoughtful feedback on the draft codes and guidelines circulated for consultation in recent months. Comments provided have shaped the final Codes and Guidelines which will be released on the Board's website shortly.

On 8 June 2010 the Board released an Update on Continuing Professional Development (CPD) requirements. The Board encourages organisations and practitioners to review this document for clarification about the Board's CPD Registration Standard and Guideline. The Board has

also agreed to develop an Information Sheet about CPD which will aim to assist practitioners to understand and comply with the Board's CPD requirements.

Registration Fees

The Board has set provisional national registration fees for 2010-2011. The final fees will be announced in July.

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