



Communiqué

Ninth meeting of the Dental Board of Australia 25 June 2010

The Dental Board of Australia (the Board) is established under the *Health Practitioner Regulation (Administrative Arrangements) National Law Act 2008*. At the ninth meeting, on 25 June 2010, the Board made decisions about a range of matters that will impact on the now impending transition to the national registration and accreditation scheme.

Mail out 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 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 during 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**.

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 from 1 July 2010. New offices have now been established in each State and Territory and staff are now in place.

Registration standards

The Board is planning to release a number of additional Registration Standards for consultation, these are:

- General Registration for Dentists with bachelor degrees from UK, Republic of Ireland and Canada
- Limited registration in the Public Interest
- Limited registration for Postgraduate Training or Supervised Practice

These will be released, in **early August**, for consultation 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.

The following Codes and Guidelines are now published on the Board's website:

- Code of Conduct
- Guidelines for Mandatory Notifications (common)

- [Guidelines on Continuing Professional Development](#)
- [Guidelines on Dental Records](#)
- [Guidelines on Infection Control](#)
- [Limited Registration for Teaching](#)

The Guideline for Advertising (common) will be published shortly on the Board's website. Comments provided have shaped the final Codes and Guidelines available on the Board's website at www.dentalboard.gov.au

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 is in the process of finalising an Information Sheet about CPD which will further assist practitioners to understand and comply with the Board's CPD requirements, this will be released on the Board's website shortly.

Oral Health Therapists

The Board has agreed a process and will release information for registrants regarding the process for moving to the Oral Health Therapist division of the Register of Dental Practitioners when completed.

Conscious sedation area of practice endorsement

The Board has agreed a process of assessment pathways and will soon release information for dentists eligible for the conscious sedation area of practice endorsement, but who may not currently meet the requirements of the Registration Standard.

Registration Fees

The Board has set national registration fees for 2010-2011. The final fees are now available on the Board's website at www.dentalboard.gov.au

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