



Communiqué

Forty second meeting of the Dental Board of Australia – 21 June 2013

The Dental Board of Australia (the National Board) is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (National Law). This communiqué highlights key issues from the Dental Board's June meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Continuing professional development (CPD) cycle ended 30 June 2013

The National Board reminds all dental practitioners that, consistent with the CPD registration standard, all dental practitioners must complete a minimum of 60 hours of CPD activities over three years. The current CPD cycle **ended on 30 June 2013** (it began on 1 July 2010).

Review of accreditation functions

As advised in previous communiqués, the National Board is currently reviewing the Board's accreditation functions. The National Board finalised its decision about the reassignment of accreditation functions and will confirm this in the weeks ahead.

Scope of practice registration standard

The public consultation period for the proposed revised Scope of practice registration standard and draft guidelines has now closed. The National Board would like to thank all practitioners, members of the community and stakeholders who provided feedback.

The Scope of practice review committee, appointed by the National Board, will now review the large number of complex submissions received. The National Board will provide further updates after the submissions have been fully considered.

Advertising

The National Board reminds all dental practitioners that they are responsible for the content of all advertising material associated with the provision of their goods/service, regardless of the type of media used to advertise. Practitioners should ensure that their advertising is compliant with the requirements of the National Law and the Advertising Guidelines.

Dental Board newsletter

The Dental Board released its 4th newsletter in June 2013. The newsletter is emailed to all registered dental practitioners who have provided their email address to the Board. It is an important source of information for dental practitioners. The newsletter is published on the Dental Board website at www.dentalboard.gov.au/News/Newsletters/June-2013

National Board website

The National Board continues to encourage all dental practitioners to regularly check the website at www.dentalboard.gov.au for information and updates relating to the dental profession.

Updating contact details

The National Board encourages all dental practitioners to provide AHPRA with a current email contact address by updating their contact details through online services. This will enable AHPRA to contact dental practitioners about important registration information and the National Board to contact dental practitioners with important updates for the profession.

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