



Communiqué

52nd meeting of the Dental Board of Australia – 23 May 2014

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 (the National Law).

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the National Board's May 2014 meeting.

Scope of practice registration standard and associated guidelines

The National Board has released the revised [Scope of practice registration standard](#) and associated [Guidelines - Scope of practice registration standard](#). To assist practitioners understand what they need to do to comply with the revised registration standard and associated guidelines, the National Board has released [FAQ's](#).

The revised registration standard and associated guidelines will come into effect from **30 June 2014** and will replace the previous version of the registration standard.

The standard has been revised to be clearer, improve consumers' access to oral health services and provide certainty to dental practitioners on the:

- scope of practice for the different dental divisions, and
- level of education and training expected for each division.

Register your interest in Scope of practice forums

The Dental Board is committed to working with the profession over the coming months, to support the implementation of the revised registration standard and guidelines to ensure all dental practitioners are aware of their obligations and responsibilities.

The Dental Board will commence forums in July 2014. All dental practitioners are invited to attend the forum relevant to their jurisdiction. Our stakeholders will also be invited to attend the forums.

The forums will be held in:

- Perth on 17 July
- Melbourne on 25 July
- Sydney on 31 July
- Canberra on 1 August
- Adelaide on 7 August
- Hobart on 8 August
- Darwin on 14 August
- Brisbane on 15 August

Please register your interest in attending a forum via email dentalboardforums@ahpra.gov.au providing your name, contact details, and location of the forum you wish to attend. Those who register their interest will then be contacted with confirmed details on the venue and time.

Consultation on registration standards and guidelines

The National Board has released a consultation paper on the review of the following registration standards and associated guidelines:

- professional indemnity insurance
- continuing professional development
- recency of practice
- endorsement for conscious sedation
- specialist guidelines, and
- continuing professional development.

This stage of consultation is open to everyone. We encourage all interested practitioners, members of the community and other stakeholders to have input. The consultation paper can be found on our website under the [News](#) tab.

Newsletter

We will be releasing the latest edition of our newsletter in coming weeks. If you have an email registered with AHPRA then you will receive it directly. It is also published on the Board's website under the *News* tab.

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