

# Communiqué

## December 2017 meeting of the Dental Board of Australia

The 92<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Dental Board of Australia (the Board) was held on Friday 15 December 2017 at the National Office of the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) in Melbourne.

This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the Board's meeting as well as other important information.

We publish this communiqué on our website and email it to a broad range of stakeholders. We encourage you to distribute it to colleagues and interested parties, including in the organisation you work in.

#### Further information on advertising

The Board and AHPRA want to help make your compliance with the National Law's advertising requirements as easy as possible. To support this additional resources have been published to help practitioners check and correct your advertising. We recommend that all dental practitioners should refer to this content regularly to not miss future updates.

The Board and AHPRA have also developed some further examples of non-compliant dental advertising and changes that would help it to comply with the National Law. The examples will be published on the *Advertising resources* section of the AHPRA website shortly. They will be published alongside <u>examples</u> <u>common to all regulated health professions</u>.

More about advertising requirements is available in the <u>Advertising resources</u> section of the AHPRA website.

#### Stakeholder meetings

Representatives of the Board have recently attended a number of stakeholder meetings. Of particular note was a national roundtable hosted by the Australian Dental Association (ADA) in Canberra on 4 December 2017. This inaugural event focused on how the dental profession can contribute to the goals outlined in the *National Oral Health Plan*.

### Are your contact details up-to-date?

It is important that your contact details are up-to-date to receive renewal reminders from AHPRA and information from the Board. You can check your details via the <u>Login icon</u> at the top right of the AHPRA website. Email accounts need to be set to receive communications from AHPRA and the Board to avoid misdirection to an account junk box.

#### Conclusion

The National Board publishes a range of information about registration and the National Board's expectations of practitioners on its website at <a href="https://www.dentalboard.gov.au">www.dentalboard.gov.au</a> or <a href="https://www.dentalboard.gov.au">www.dentalboard

For more information or help with questions about your registration please send an <u>online enquiry form</u> or contact AHPRA on 1300 419 495.

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