

## Dental Board of Australia - Policy

---

18 May 2016

### Acupuncture

#### Why has the Board developed this policy?

The Board has developed this policy to set out the requirements and process for dental practitioners wishing to use the protected title *acupuncturist*.

The Board has revised the information in this policy to accommodate the end of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (CMBA) grandparenting arrangements on 30 June 2015.

The Board's policy position has not changed from the initial policy published in September 2012.

#### Policy position

The Board has determined not to establish an endorsement for acupuncture.

A dental practitioner wishing to use the protected title *acupuncturist* must apply to the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (CMBA) for registration in the division of acupuncture.

#### Protected title 'Acupuncturist'

Chinese medicine practitioners have been registered with the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (CMBA) under the National Scheme from 1 July 2012.

From this date, the title *acupuncturist* has been protected under the National Law and can only be used by:

- persons registered with the CMBA in the division of acupuncture, or
- persons whose registration is endorsed by a health practitioner board as being qualified to practise as an acupuncturist.

#### How do I apply for registration?

If you want to use the protected title *acupuncturist* you need to apply for registration with the CMBA. You will need to:

- complete the applicable application form
- pay the required application and registration fees
- pay the annual renewal fees, and
- meet any requirements to register and maintain registration established by the CMBA.

The CMBA will evaluate an application consistent with its relevant registration standards, codes and guidelines.

The CMBA may register the practitioner (if qualified) in the division of acupuncture with a notation on the register explaining any applicable limitations on scope of practice.

### **Where can I find out more information?**

You should refer to the CMBA website for all relevant registration standards and requirements, including:

- [approved qualifications](#) for registration in the division of acupuncture, and
- General Registration [application form](#).

### **Authority**

This policy has been developed by the Dental Board of Australia (the Board) the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).

### **Publication date**

Date of publication of initial policy: 14 September 2012

Date of publication of revised policy: 18 May 2016

Both versions of the policy are published on the Board's website.

### **Review**

This policy will be reviewed at least every 5 years or earlier as required.