

Communiqué

53rd meeting of the Dental Board of Australia – 20 June 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 June 2014 meeting. The National Board was pleased to welcome the Chairs and/or representatives of the state and territory registration and notification committees who attended this meeting.

Register your interest in Scope of practice forums

The National Board has released the revised [Scope of practice registration standard](#) and associated [Guidelines for Scope of practice](#). To assist practitioners understand what they need to do to comply with the revised registration standard and associated guidelines, the National Board has released an [FAQ](#). The revised registration standard and associated guidelines came into effect on **30 June 2014** and will replace the previous version of the registration standard.

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

City	Date	Location	Time
Perth	Thursday 17 July	Duxton Hotel, 1 St Georges Terrace, Perth	4.00pm
Melbourne	Friday 25 July	Crest Room, Level 2, Gate 6, Etihad Stadium, Docklands, Melbourne	4.00pm
Sydney	Thursday 31 July	Rydges World Square, 389 Pitt St, Sydney	4.00pm
Canberra	Friday 1 August	Mercure Canberra, Corner of Ainslie and Limestone Avenue, Braddon	4.00pm
Adelaide	Thursday 7 August	Mercure Grosvenor Hotel, 125 North Terrace, Adelaide	4.00pm
Hobart	Friday 8 August	The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel, 1 Macquarie Street, Hobart	12.00pm
Darwin	Thursday 14 August	AHPRA Office, Level 5, 22 Harry Chan Avenue, Darwin	9.30am
Brisbane	Friday 15 August	Adina Apartment Hotel, 15 Ivory Lane, Brisbane	4.00pm

Please register your interest in attending a forum by 10 July 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.

Expression of interest – state and territory registration and notification committees

Applications are sought from registered and experienced dentists to the following committees of the National Board:

- Australian Capital Territory Registration and Notification Committee
- South Australian Registration and Notification Committee
- Victorian Registration and Notification Committee

The [call for applications](#) and further information including an application guide and form are on the National Board's website.

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, 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. The consultation closes on 14 July 2014.

Infection control

The National Board would like to remind all dental practitioners of their obligations to meet infection control requirements. Dental practitioners must practise in a way that maintains and enhances public health and safety by ensuring that the risk of the spread of infectious diseases is prevented or minimised. Dental practitioners should read and understand the [Guidelines on infection control](#) which address how dental practitioners can prevent or minimise the risk of the spread of infectious diseases in the dental setting.

Contact details

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