

## Communiqué

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24 March 2015

The 41<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 24 March 2015 at the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency's (AHPRA) National Office in Melbourne, Victoria. This communiqué provides key decisions made at the meeting.

This communiqué is published on the Board's [website](#) and an announcement via email is sent to a broad range of stakeholders.

Please forward the communiqué to colleagues who may be interested in the work of the Board.

### Visit from Chinese Medicine Council of New South Wales

President of the Chinese Medicine Council of New South Wales, Associate Professor Christopher Zaslowski, attended and addressed the meeting in the interest of effective communication and collaborative effort between the Board and the Council. The Council manages (notifications) complaints about the conduct, performance or health of registered Chinese medicine practitioners and students in NSW. The Board and Council are keen to promote consistency and a mutual understanding of their work and roles within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

### Complementary medicines – Chapter nine of the review of medicines and medical devices

The expert panel undertaking the Review of Medicines and Medical Devices Regulation called for submissions from stakeholders on the regulation of complementary medicines by the Therapeutic Goods Administration. The panel released a chapter on complementary medicines which was an addendum to its Discussion Paper on the regulation of medicines and medical devices. Stakeholders were encouraged to read the chapter on complementary medicines together with the other chapters of the Discussion Paper, which provides additional context. The Board drew this to the attention of the Chinese medicine profession and made its own submission.

### Grandparenting

The grandparenting provisions in the National Law<sup>1</sup> for Chinese medicine practitioners end on 30 June 2015. Anyone who seeks to obtain registration as a Chinese medicine practitioner under these provisions needs to make an application before 1 July 2015.

Please refer to the Board's [Chinese medicine grandparenting and general registration eligibility registration standard](#) and [media release](#) for more information.

### Quarterly registration data

The Board has released its quarterly registration data. This is accessible on the website at [www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/About/Statistics.aspx](http://www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/About/Statistics.aspx).

### Updating contact details

To check or update the contact details you have lodged with AHPRA, access the online services panel for practitioners on the homepage of the Board's website and click *Update your contact details*. Enter your user ID, date of birth and password (please note that your user ID is not your registration number). If you don't remember your user ID or password, contact us [online](#) or phone 1300 419 495 for assistance.

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<sup>1</sup> The Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law)

AHPRA will be using [Twitter](#) to encourage a greater overall response to National Board consultations and to host regular Twitter chats on important topics.

### **Important information for practitioners**

The National Board publishes a range of information about registration, including its expectations of practitioners, at [www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au](http://www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au). For more details or help with questions about your registration please send an [online enquiry form](#) or contact AHRPA on 1300 419 495.

### **Professor Charlie Xue**

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