

## Communiqué: Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

### March 2020 meeting

The 94<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia (the Board) was held on 24 March 2020 by teleconference.

This communiqué provides details on the main decisions made at the meeting. It is also 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 Board's work.

#### COVID-19 Update

Registered health practitioners are playing a vital role in treating and containing the novel coronavirus that causes COVID-19. We are committed to supporting health practitioners to continue to provide safe care to their communities and will continue to update health practitioners and the public with information as it becomes available. All COVID-19 related updates from Ahpra and the National Boards can be found on the [website](#).

Like many other organisations and individuals, we are planning for the different COVID-19 scenarios which may occur. Our responses will consider the extent to which our existing policies and arrangements should apply (e.g. to individual circumstances) and how much modification is needed in this unprecedented situation.

We are receiving very high numbers of queries about the impact of COVID-19 on our regulatory work and what flexibility may be available. The regulatory guidance of National Boards is designed to be flexible and to provide a framework for decision-making in a wide range of situations. We are prioritising the most urgent queries we receive and will progressively publish and update information as soon as possible.

By working together, we can support each other to increase the workforce in a safe way. We will be relying on health services, registered health practitioners, supervisors and others to support us to maintain public safety in instances where individuals, from outside or from different parts of the health service, are needed to support the workforce at this time. In many instances, how these individuals' knowledge and skills are used will be dependent on context.

#### Call for applications for appointment to the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia: application deadline extended to 20 April 2020

On 29 January 2020 the Health Ministers, as the Ministerial Council for the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme called for applications to the Chinese Medicine Board of Australia. There are [5 practitioner vacancies in NSW, QLD, SA, Vic and WA and 2 community member vacancies](#).

The application deadline has been extended and is now closing 20 April 2020 5pm AEST.

#### Updating your contact details

To check or update the contact details you have lodged with Ahpra, access the online services panel for practitioners on the [home page](#) 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 can't remember your user ID or password, [contact us online](#), or phone 1300 419 495 for help.

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### Important information for practitioners

The 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, notifications or other matters relevant to the National Scheme, refer to information published on [www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au) or [contact Ahpra](#), send an [online enquiry form](#) or call on 1300 419 495.

### Distinguished Professor Charlie C. Xue

**Chair  
Chinese Medicine Board of Australia**

24 March 2020

*The Chinese Medicine Board of Australia is the regulator of Chinese medicine practitioners in Australia and acts to protect the public by ensuring that suitably qualified and competent Chinese medicine practitioners are registered. The Board is responsible for developing registration standards, codes and guidelines for Chinese medicine practitioners and managing notifications (complaints)\* about Chinese medicine practitioners and Chinese medicine students. The Board does this through its powers under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (the National Law), as in force in each state and territory, and the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme), supported by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra). The Board's work in regulating Australia's Chinese medicine practitioners in the public interest is underpinned by regulatory principles, which encourage a responsive, risk-based approach to regulation.*

*\*Except in NSW and QLD, which have co-regulatory arrangements.*