

Communiqué

27 August 2018

August 2018 meeting of the Paramedicine Board of Australia

The Paramedicine Board of Australia (the Board) is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).

The Board meets each month to consider and decide on any matters related to its regulatory function within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme).

This communiqué aims to inform stakeholders about the work of the Board. Please forward it on to colleagues or employees who may be interested.

Registration will become mandatory for paramedics from late 2018 when paramedicine becomes regulated under the National Law.

The Board held its 11th meeting in Sydney on Monday 27 August 2018 and took the opportunity to meet with the Health Professions Councils Authority (NSW) who manage notifications about registered health practitioners in NSW under a co-regulatory arrangement set out in the National Law. The Board also met with the AHPRA operations team who will be handling paramedic applications for registration from 3 September 2018.

Supervision framework

The Board is finalising an expanded 'supervised practice framework' for the purposes of [grandparenting pathway](#) 311(1)(b). Information about bespoke opportunities to obtain approval for supervised practice outside of jurisdictional services will be published on the Boards website in the coming weeks.

Qualifications

The Board approved three Council of Ambulance Authorities (CAA) accredited programs of study below, as [approved qualifications](#) for general registration under section 310 of the National Law:

- Griffith University – Bachelor of Paramedicine
- Monash University – Bachelor of Emergency Health (Paramedic), and
- Charles Sturt - University Bachelor of Clinical Practice (Paramedic).

The Board has also published a starting list of adequate qualifications assessed as meeting the [grandparenting pathway](#) which will continue to be updated as other qualifications are assessed as meeting the requirements. Please see the [grandparenting page](#) on the Board's website for further information.

Engagement with the profession and key stakeholders

The Board is continuing its stakeholder engagement activities after another successful Sydney forum held in conjunction with the Health Professions Council Authority (NSW) following its August Board meeting. Upcoming dates for forums are scheduled for:

- Brisbane on Thursday 20 September
- Perth on Monday 8 October, and
- Adelaide on Monday 22 October.

While attendance at the forums is free, you will need to register to attend. Information on how to [register to attend](#) the forums can be found on the Board's website.

Call for applications for paramedicine List of Approved Persons hearing panels

Applications are being sought from experienced professionals working in the paramedic field to establish a List of Approved Persons for hearing panels.

The appointment of panel members is in accordance with section 183(3) of the National Law and to the extent possible, will not include individuals whose residence or principal place of practice is NSW due to the co-regulatory system in NSW.

To view the vacancy and submit an application, please visit the [Panel member recruitment page](#).

All appointments to the Paramedicine Board of Australia's LAP for panels will be subject to registration as a paramedic with the National Board.

Closing the gap by 2031: a shared commitment

The National Scheme has made a landmark commitment to helping achieve equity in health outcomes between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and other Australians to close the gap by 2031.

Nearly 40 health organisations have signed the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme Statement of Intent, including leading Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health organisations, AHPRA, all National Boards, all accreditation authorities and other entities.

AHPRA's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Group is leading this work, in close partnership with a range of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and experts.

More information is available in the [news item](#), the [Statement of Intent](#) and [AHPRA's Reconciliation Action Plan](#).

Sign up for updates & keep informed

Sign up for [e-News updates](#) from the Board and AHPRA to be advised about upcoming events and updates during the implementation period for national regulation of paramedics.

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