



## Communiqué

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### April 2019 meeting of the Paramedicine Board of Australia

The Paramedicine Board of Australia (the Board) is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law (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 share it on to colleagues or employees who may be interested.

The Board held its 18th meeting at the AHPRA National Office in Melbourne on 29 April 2019.

#### **Business as usual for paramedic registration**

Over 18,040 have been received to date and over 16,500 applications have been finalised. The Board noted advice from AHPRA about how the dedicated paramedic registration team is now transitioning the remainder of paramedic applications into the AHPRA business as usual registration streams.

Due to the provisions of section 85 in the National Law, in some cases AHPRA may need to seek approval to extend the time needed to process an application. This would be sent via a specific email. Practitioners who receive such an email, are requested to respond and confirm their agreement to the extension of time as soon as possible. Unfortunately, without approval to extend the time allowed to process the application, the National Law requires that the application is taken to be refused.

Should anyone be the recipient of an extension request email, or have already received one, please ensure that you provide this email along with your acceptance response to your employer as evidence of your application if required. When registration is granted, applicants will receive confirmation via email with their registration number which they will need to provide to their employer.

A number of these applications are quite complicated and it may take some time for the Board to work through them all, your ongoing patience and cooperation is appreciated.

#### **Farewell Deb Tapping**

With the closure of the paramedicine implementation project, the Board noted that Deb Tapping will be moving on to another project within AHPRA. Deb's role as the implementation project manager has been pivotal in the success of the project and the Board expressed their appreciation for her hard work, dedication and commitment to making this project a success and wished her all the best in her new role.

#### **Supervised Practice Framework**

The Board has an interim supervised practice framework in place and has been working with most other National Boards on a shared cross professional supervised practice framework. The Board agreed to join a cross professional public consultation process in the coming months. All feedback will be welcome as part of this process.

#### **Further information**

**Paramedicine Board of Australia**

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The Board publishes a range of information for paramedics on its [website](#) and practitioners are encouraged to refer to the site for news and updates on policies and guidelines affecting the podiatry profession.

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