

## Communiqué

**30 May 2017**

The Pharmacy Board of Australia (the Board) meets each month to consider and decide on any matters related to its regulatory function under the National Law<sup>1</sup> and within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme).

This communiqué aims to inform stakeholders of the work of the Board and matters regarding the National Scheme. Please forward it on to colleagues and employees who may be interested in its content.

### Meeting with the National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association

The Board met with National Australian Pharmacy Students' Association (NAPSA) representatives.

The NAPSA representatives presented the results of the annual National Pharmacy Student Survey (NPSS), and discussed with the Board matters of importance to students, as identified through the survey, and ways that these matters can be addressed in order to achieve positive outcomes for students. The Board values the opportunity to engage with its stakeholders on such issues.

The Board also agreed to provide feedback on the NAPSA handbook for students, which among other topics, provides information to students on the role of the Board and its guidelines for pharmacists.

### Registration opens for CLEAR

The Fifth International Congress on Professional and Occupational Regulation will be held this November in Melbourne. The congress provides an opportunity for regulatory stakeholders from around the world to come together and share global perspectives on licensure and regulation.

Additional information about the conference, including how to register, is on the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) [website](#).

### AHPRA and National Boards note Senate report

AHPRA and the National Boards have noted the [report](#) of the Senate Standing Committee on Community Affairs into the complaints mechanism administered under the National Law. AHPRA and the National Boards will consider the Senate's 14 recommendations in determining actions to further improve the complaints process.

### Further information

The Board publishes a range of information for pharmacists on its website at [www.pharmacyboard.gov.au](http://www.pharmacyboard.gov.au). For more information about registration, notifications or other matters relevant to the National Scheme also refer to information published on [www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au) or send an [online enquiry form](#) or contact AHPRA on 1300 419 495.

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

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