

The Chiropractors and Osteopaths Registration Board of Tasmania

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Registrar: Ms Jayne Wilson

THE CHIROPRACTORS AND OSTEOPATHS REGISTRATION BOARD (TASMANIA)



The Hon Lara Giddings, Minister for Health and Human Services, appointed Dr (Osteo) Richard de Barry to the Board in November 2008, replacing Board member Dr (Osteo) Neil Orr who completed two terms of service on the Board. Mrs Allison

Williams is due to retire at the end of June after completing two terms on the Board as a consumer representative. The Board thanks both Neil and Allison for their contributions over the past six years.

Chairperson

Dr (Chiro) Stephen Crean (*Chiropractor*)

Members:

Dr (Chiro) Michelle McCluskey (*Chiropractor*)

Dr (Osteo) Richard de Barry (*Osteopath*)

Mr David Paton (*Consumer Representative*)

Mrs Allison Williams (*Consumer Representative*)

REGISTRATION

Registration fees for 2009/2010 are due and payable by 30 June 2009. Chiropractors and osteopaths who do not register by this date will incur a late payment penalty of \$65, and run the risk of jeopardising their professional indemnity insurance cover.

Practitioners who have not re-registered by 31 July 2009 will be removed from the Register.

The Board is appreciative of practitioners' response to the requirement to supply a police check with applications for re-registration introduced last year. All police checks have been received and practitioners are advised that they are not required to lodge one this year.

All new applicants for registration including locums will be required to provide a police history check.

The Board is registered as a BPay recipient to enable practitioners to pay their registration promptly over the internet or via telephone banking with their own bank. BPay information is included on the enclosed registration renewal notice.

Registration fees for 2009/2010 are as follows:

Application fee:	\$165.00
Registration fee:	\$550.00
Restoration fee:	\$100.00
Six month locum registration fee:	\$320.00

NATIONAL REGISTRATION FOR CHIROPRACTORS AND OSTEOPATHS

Plans to introduce national registration for health professions, including Chiropractors and Osteopaths are continuing to be developed. A statement issued by the Australasian Health Ministers Conference in September 2008, outlined the steps and timelines required to achieve the implementation of national registration, scheduled for 1 July 2010.

Legislation to allow the establishment of a National Agency, the National Chiropractors Board of Australia and the National Osteopaths Board of Australia was passed in the Queensland Parliament in November 2008.

This legislation also established the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency Management Committee, which commenced operation in March 2009.

Nominations for membership of the respective National Boards close on 12 June 2009. Visit the National Health Workforce Taskforce website at www.nhwt.gov.au for more details.

An extensive round of consultation has taken place to determine the detail of further legislation which is required for the operation of the national boards. This includes details of arrangements for registration and accreditation, complaints and enforcement, and privacy and information sharing. The draft of this legislation is to be released for comment in early June 2009.

Consultation is currently underway on the form of legislation required for hearing of serious disciplinary matters in Tasmania - current Registration Boards and professional bodies have been asked to provide comment. Complaints deemed to be less serious, will be dealt with at the local level by the local board or committee.

A final round of legislation will need to be passed in each State and Territory to amend existing legislation and to transfer responsibilities, records etc to the new boards.

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NATIONAL REGISTRATION FOR CHIROPRACTORS AND OSTEOPATHS (continued)

A Ministerial Statement issued in May 2009 has indicated some of the agreed requirements of the national scheme to ensure the quality and safety of health services provided to the public, which includes:

- Evidence of Continuing Professional Development for annual re-registration, details to be determined by the national Board
- Mandatory reporting of registrants by employers and other health professionals where the public are at risk of harm
- Criminal history checks and identity checks for all new registrants.
- Mandatory Professional Indemnity Insurance
- Simplified complaint arrangements for the public
- Registration for students - Boards to decide at what stage in a study program registration is required .

In March 2009 a Senate Community Affairs Committee inquiry into the national registration and accreditation scheme for doctors and other health workers was announced. Submissions closed in early May and hearings are now underway. The Committee is due to report back by 18 June 2009.

It is intended that all chiropractors will be registered with the new Chiropractors Board of Australia, and osteopaths with the new Osteopaths Board of Australia from 1 July 2010. Details of how this will be implemented in relation to registration renewal at that time are yet to be determined.

A "one stop" State office will be established by the National Agency to administer the ten professions in Tasmania.

Both the National Chiropractors Board and the National Osteopaths Board may choose to appoint a local Board to process registrations and renewals and to deal with complaints. Alternatively the Boards may choose to allocate responsibility for smaller States such as Tasmania to local committees to be established in larger States.

Further details on the proposals, copies of consultation documents and responses, and copies of legislation can be obtained from <http://www.nhwt.gov.au/natreg.asp>

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