



Communiqué

May 2019

The Podiatry Board of Australia (the Board) meets each month to consider and decide on matters related to its regulatory functions under the National Law¹ and within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (national scheme).

This communiqué highlights any key matters from the Board's 1 May 2019 meeting, as well as other important information.

The Board held its 1 May 2019 meeting in Melbourne.

New community member appointed to the Board

The Board welcomed new community member Ms Shellee Smith, who attended her first Board meeting on 1 May 2019. Ms Smith was appointed for a three-year term from 11 April 2019.

Board releases two new animated videos

The Board has launched two short animated videos to help practitioners understand the process for applying for endorsement for scheduled medicines under Pathway B of the Board's [Endorsement for scheduled medicines registration standard](#), that came into effect on 1 August 2018.

One video explains the key steps for Pathway B and the other highlights the key role that a mentor plays in supporting a practitioner's learning during the period of supervised practice under Pathway B.

The videos help practitioners who are interested in applying for endorsement under Pathway B as well as those who mentor practitioners working towards endorsement under Pathway B.

The videos are available on the [Board's website](#). You can also view and share the video via [AHPRA's YouTube channel](#), [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

Have your say: How should we define 'cultural safety'?

AHPRA, the National Boards and Accreditation Authorities in the National Scheme have partnered with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health leaders and the National Health Leadership Forum (NHLF) to release a [public consultation](#) on a proposed definition of 'cultural safety'.

Your feedback will help develop an agreed, national baseline definition that can be used as a foundation for embedding cultural safety across the National Scheme and by the National Health Leadership Forum.

There are 44 organisations represented in this consultation, which is being coordinated by the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Strategy Group (the Strategy Group) convened by AHPRA, and the NHLF.

The consultation continues the work of the Strategy Group, which aims to achieve health equity for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Members of the Group include Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health leaders and members from AHPRA, National Boards, Accreditation Authorities and NSW Councils.

¹ Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).

The [consultation](#) is open to 15 May 2019. Share your views and help define this important term for the National Scheme.

For more information, read the [media release](#) on the AHPRA website.

Further information

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

For more information about registration, notifications or other matters relevant to the National Scheme, please refer to the information published on www.ahpra.gov.au. Alternatively, contact AHPRA by an [online enquiry form](#) or phone 1300 419 495.

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