



## Communiqué

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19 December 2017

### December 2017 meeting of the Paramedicine Board of Australia

The Paramedicine Board of Australia (the Board) met for the third time on Monday 18 December 2017 in Melbourne.

Under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme) registration will become mandatory for paramedics from late November 2018.

Today the Board has released draft registration standards for stakeholder consultation over a seven week period (closing date: 8 February 2018). The proposed registration standards are:

- English language skills
- criminal history of applicants
- professional indemnity insurance arrangements
- continuing professional development (and supporting guidelines), and
- recency of practice.

The Board is also consulting on a registration standard regarding grandparenting for paramedics who don't have an approved or accepted qualification. This standard will provide pathways for these practitioners to demonstrate that they are qualified for registration as a paramedic.

All of the draft standards can be accessed on the [Board's website](#) along with details on how to make a submission to the Board.

#### Making a submission

The Board urges all interested individuals and organisations to submit feedback on the proposed standards by responding to specific questions included in the consultation papers.

All submissions should be made using the templates published on the [Board's consultation page](#) and sent via email to [paramedicine@ahpra.gov.au](mailto:paramedicine@ahpra.gov.au). Please note that the Board will publish all submissions on their website, unless marked as confidential, to encourage wide consideration and discussion and inform the community and stakeholders.

#### Communication strategy

The Board continues to encourage all stakeholders to visit [www.paramedicineboard.gov.au](http://www.paramedicineboard.gov.au) regularly and to [register for E-news updates](#) during the implementation period to receive the latest news on our progress towards implementing the national regulation of paramedics.

#### Finance

The Board has commenced budget planning and considered a number of other administrative and financial matters. This budget planning process will determine the application fee and the annual registration fee for paramedics.

#### Stephen Gough ASM

Chair

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