

Communiqué

December 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 monthly to consider and decide on matters related to its regulatory function within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme).

This communiqué aims to inform stakeholders about the Board's work. Please share it with colleagues or employees who may be interested.

The Board held its 25th meeting at the Ahpra Sydney office on 15 December 2019.

Season's Greetings

This meeting was the last for 2019, and it allowed the Board an opportunity to reflect on the previous year of work which saw the achievement of many significant milestones, including the first anniversary of paramedic registration. Overall the transition of the profession to registration has been a relatively smooth process, and despite some delays in processing the large numbers of applications received, the impact on most paramedics has been minimal. A lot has been achieved in a short time frame and the profession's support has been important in this success.

The Board would like to extend its thanks and season's greetings to everyone who has supported the Board in its work during 2019 and wish them all the best for 2020.

Looking forward

While 2019 has been extremely busy, with a significant amount of work done, there is still much more work to do to fully integrate and embed the profession into the National Scheme. The focus of work in 2020 will be establishing and communicating about the ongoing ethical and professional standards for the profession. Keep an eye on the Board's website for the upcoming consultations on professional capabilities for paramedics and the Shared code of conduct. Your feedback is important.

Further information

The Board publishes information for paramedics on its <u>website</u>, and practitioners are encouraged to refer to the site for news and updates on policies and guidelines affecting the profession.

For more information about registration, notifications or other matters relevant to the National Scheme, please refer to the Ahpra <u>website</u>. Alternatively, contact Ahpra by an <u>online enquiry form</u> or phone 1300 419 495.

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