



Health Ministers' Meeting Communiqué

29 April 2024

Health Ministers announce National Board appointments

Health Ministers, as the Ministerial Council for the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme), are very pleased to announce new appointments and reappointments of Chairs, practitioner members and community members to fill vacancies arising across nine National Boards regulating health professions under the National Scheme.

The vacancies are primarily a result of the scheduled expiry of terms for Chairs, practitioner members and community members appointed to National Boards by the Ministerial Council in 2021. Other vacancies on National Boards have also been filled through this process. The vacancies were advertised in the national metropolitan press and on the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) and respective National Board websites in March 2023.

The details of the statutory appointments made by the Ministerial Council are set out in the [attachment](#) to this communiqué.

The appointment process provides for renewal across the membership of National Boards and enables Ministers to consider the mix and balance of skills, experience, and attributes that members may bring to each board. There is an opportunity to introduce new members to bring a fresh perspective to the regulatory work of the boards and the National Scheme.

Ministers were pleased with the response to the call for registered practitioners and members of the community to apply for appointment to the National Boards and thanked everyone who took the time to apply. Overall, 122 applications were received for the advertised vacancies across National Boards – 65 applications for practitioner member vacancies and 57 applications for community member vacancies.

Ministers acknowledged all retiring board members and thanked them for their service - especially those board members who are retiring from the National Boards having served three consecutive terms. These members' contributions to health practitioner regulation from first appointment in 2014 to now have been outstanding.

Ministers thanked retiring National Board Chairs for their outstanding commitment, leadership, dedication and contribution to the National Scheme and health practitioner regulation and wished them all the best for their future endeavours. Mrs Renee Owen, Chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia was appointed as Chair in 2017 and first appointed in 2011 as an inaugural member of the Board; and Ms Julie Brayshaw, Chair of the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia was appointed as Chair in 2016 and first appointed in 2011 as an inaugural member of the Board.

Ministers congratulated current and returning practitioner members to their new roles: Ms Iris Raye as Chair of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia, Ms Rebecca Singh as Chair of the Occupational Therapy Board of Australia, and Mr Stuart Aamodt as Chair of the Optometry Board of Australia. Their succession to these leadership roles reflects the depth and breadth of their skills and experience from serving on the National Boards and as practitioners from their respective professions.

Finally, a warm welcome was extended to all new and returning members and Chair. Ministers thanked them for expressing their interest in, and commitment to, the principles of the National Scheme and the regulation of health practitioners in the public interest and wished them well over the coming years with their important regulatory roles.

The appointments are made under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory and are consistent with the *National Board Member Succession Planning Principles*.

There are two vacancies remaining on the following National Boards that will be further advertised:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia for a practitioner member from Western Australia, and
- Chinese Medicine Board of Australia for a practitioner member from Queensland.

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Attachment: Appointments made to National Boards

Appointments made to National Boards by resolution of the Ministerial Council on 1 March 2024 under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law as in force in each state and territory, for terms as indicated below.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia

Name	Appointment details
Ms Iris Raye	Appointed as Chair (first term) from 20 March 2024 until 12 March 2025, the end of her practitioner member appointment
Mr Christopher O'Brien	Reappointed as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (second term) from 19 March 2024
Ms Leanne Quirino	Reappointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years (third term) from 21 March 2024
Ms Abbey Shillingford	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term) from 2 April 2024
Mrs Margaret McCallum	Reappointed as a community for a period of 3 years (third term) from 27 March 2024
Miss Jessica Mitchell	Appointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (first term) from 22 March 2024
Mr Steven Satour	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 20 March 2024

Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

Name	Appointment details
Professor Chi Eung Danforn Lim	Reappointed as Chair (second term) and as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (second term) from 21 March 2024
Ms Dina Tsiopelas	Reappointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years (second term) from 20 March 2024
Dr Johannah Planche	Reappointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (second term) from 19 March 2024
Mr Luke Hubbard	Reappointed as practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years (second term) from 21 March 2024
Ms Sophy Athan	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term) from 21 March 2024
Mr Craig Bennett	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 16 April 2024

All other current National Board appointments continue. Other members are listed on the Board's website: <https://www.chinesemedicineboard.gov.au/>

Chiropractic Board of Australia

Name	Appointment details
Dr Samuel Millard	Appointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years (first term) from 19 March 2024
Ms Emma Slaytor	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 19 March 2024

All other current National Board appointments continue. Chair and members are listed on the Board's website: <https://www.chiropracticboard.gov.au/>

Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia

Name	Appointment details
Mr Anthony Buxton	Reappointed as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (second term) from 20 March 2024
Mr Travis Pearson	Reappointed as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years (third term) from 19 March 2024
Ms Joan Burns	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (third term) from 28 March 2024
Mrs Shannon Crick	Appointed as practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years (first term) from 20 March 2024
Ms Suzanne McGavin	Appointed as practitioner member from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years (first term) from 25 March 2024
Mrs Monique Gaspar	Appointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (first term) from 20 March 2024

All other current National Board appointments continue. Chair and other members are listed on the Board's website: <https://www.medicalradiationpracticeboard.gov.au/>

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

Name	Appointment details
Ms Alison Verhoeven	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 19 March 2024

All other current National Board appointments continue. Other members are listed on the Board's website: <https://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/>

Occupational Therapy Board of Australia

Name	Appointment details
Ms Rebecca Singh	Appointed as Chair (first term) and reappointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years (second term) from 19 March 2024
Ms Angela Thynne	Reappointed as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years (second term) from 27 March 2024

Name	Appointment details
Dr Claire Pearce	Appointed as practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years (second term) from 21 March 2024
Dr Justin Scanlan	Reappointed as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (third term) from 20 March 2024
Mr Darryl Annett	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (second term) from 19 March 2024
Dr Tracey Harbour	Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 19 March 2024

All other current National Board appointments continue. Other members are listed on the Board's website: <https://www.occupationaltherapyboard.gov.au/>

Optometry Board of Australia

Name	Appointment details
Mr Stuart Aamodt	Appointed as Chair (first term) from 19 March 2024 until 8 December 2024, the end of his practitioner member appointment
Mr Terence Wong	Appointed as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (first term) from 19 March 2024

All other current National Board appointments continue. Other members are listed on the Board's website: <https://www.optometryboard.gov.au/>

Osteopathy Board of Australia

Name	Appointment details
Dr Paul Orrock	Reappointed as Chair (second term) and as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (third term) from 27 March 2024
Miss Katherine Locke	Appointed as practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years (first term) from 19 March 2024

All other current National Board appointments continue. Other members are listed on the Board's website: <https://www.osteopathyboard.gov.au/>

Paramedicine Board of Australia

Name	Appointment details
Prof Stephen Gough ASM	Reappointed as Chair (third term) and as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years (third term) from 20 March 2024
Ms Clare Beech	Reappointed as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years (third term) from 28 March 2024

Name	Appointment details
Mr Keith Driscoll ASM	Reappointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years (third term) from 28 March 2024
Ms Angela Wright	Reappointed as practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years (third term) from 27 March 2024
Ms Linda Renouf	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years (third term) from 27 March 2024
Dr Simon Sawyer	Appointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (first term) from 19 March 2024
Mr Samuel Perillo	Appointed as practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years (first term) from 19 March 2024

All other current National Board appointments continue. Chair and other members are listed on the Board's website: <https://www.paramedicineboard.gov.au/>

Psychology Board of Australia

Name	Appointment details
Ms Sheena Neill	Appointed as practitioner member from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years (first term) from 20 March 2024

All other current National Board appointments continue. Chair and other members are listed on the Board's website: <https://www.psychologyboard.gov.au/>