



Health Ministers' Meeting Communiqué

21 August 2025

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 of practitioner members and community members to fill current vacancies on 6 National Boards regulating health professions under the National Scheme.

The vacancies are a result of positions that were not filled during the 2024 National Board triennial recruitment round. The vacancies were re-advertised in the national metropolitan press and on the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) and respective National Board websites between September and November 2024.

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

The appointment process enables Ministers to consider the mix and balance of skills, experience and attributes that members may bring to each National Board.

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, 66 applications were received for the advertised vacancies across National Boards – 37 applications for practitioner member vacancies and 29 applications for community member vacancies.

A warm welcome was extended to all new members. 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 3 vacancies on the following National Boards that were further re-advertised:

- Chiropractic Board of Australia - practitioner member from Victoria
- Dental Board of Australia - practitioner member from the Northern Territory, and
- Psychology Board of Australia - practitioner member from Western Australia.

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Attachment: Appointments made to National Boards

Appointments made to National Boards by resolution of the Ministerial Council on 24 July 2025 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

Miss Caroline Brim Hudson: Appointed as practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years from 24 July 2025 (first term)

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

Medical Board of Australia

Prof Martin Veysey: Appointed as practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years from 24 July 2025 (first term)

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

Optometry Board of Australia

Dr Emily Pieterse: Appointed as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years from 24 July 2025 (first term)

Mr Neville Turner: Appointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years from 24 July 2025 (first term)

Ms Joanna Saies: Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 24 July 2025 (first term)

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

Ms Meryl Zweck: Appointed as community member for a period of 3 years from 24 July 2025 (first term)

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

Pharmacy Board of Australia

Dr Miranda Batten: Appointed as practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory for a period of 3 years from 24 July 2025 (first term)

Ms Gail Mulcair : Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 24 July 2025 (first term)

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

Podiatry Board of Australia

Ms Jeanette Barker: Appointed as a community member in an acting capacity for a period of up to 1 year from 24 July 2025 or until the Ministerial Council appoints a member following the advertising of vacancies in May 2025, whichever is sooner.

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