



Health Ministers' Meeting Communiqué

21 April 2026

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 a Chair, practitioner members and community members to fill current and arising vacancies on 12 National Boards regulating health professions under the National Scheme.

The vacancies are primarily a result of the scheduled expiry of terms for a Chair, practitioner members and community members appointed to National Boards by the Ministerial Council in March 2023. 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 May 2025.

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, 96 applications were received for the advertised vacancies across National Boards – 57 applications for practitioner member vacancies and 39 applications for community member vacancies.

Ministers acknowledged retiring Board members and thanked them for their service – noting 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 2016 to now have been outstanding.

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.

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 is a vacancy remaining for a practitioner member from New South Wales on the Chiropractic Board of Australia that will be further advertised.

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Attachment

Appointments made to National Boards

Appointments made to National Boards by resolution of the Ministerial Council on 27 March 2026 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 Danielle Beezley Reappointed as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years from 28 March 2026 (second term)

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

Chinese Medicine Board of Australia

Mrs Stephanie Campbell Reappointed as community member for a period of 3 years from 30 March 2026 (third term)

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

Chiropractic Board of Australia

Dr Kenneth Young Appointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years from 27 March 2026 (first term)

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

Dental Board of Australia

Dr Erna Melton Appointed as practitioner member from the Northern Territory for a period of 3 years from 27 March 2026 (first term)

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

Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia

Ms Cara Miller Reappointed as Chair (third term) and reappointed as practitioner member from South Australia (fourth term) for a period of 3 years from 31 March 2026

Mr Rod Manning Appointed as practitioner member from Tasmania for a period of 3 years from 28 March 2026 (first term)

Mrs Teena Anderson Appointed as practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years from 27 March 2026 (first term)

Miss Kirra Louise Appointed as community member from for a period of 3 years from 29 March 2026 (first term)

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

Nursing and Midwifery Board of Australia

Ms Penelope Marshall Reappointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years from 27 March 2026 (second term)

Mrs Theresa Best Reappointed as community member for a period of 3 years from 28 March 2026 (second term)

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

Occupational Therapy Board of Australia

Ms Kate Andrews Reappointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years from 28 March 2026 (second term)

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

Optometry Board of Australia

Mr Thomas Ford Appointed as practitioner member from New South Wales for a period of 3 years from 27 March 2026 (first term)

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

Osteopathy Board of Australia

Ms Marcella Lazarus Reappointed as community member for a period of 3 years from 27 March 2026 (second term)

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

Paramedicine Board of Australia

Mrs Kate Griggs Reappointed as community member for a period of 3 years from 29 March 2026 (second term)

Mrs Tiina-Liisa Sexton Reappointed as community member for a period of 3 years from 30 March 2026 (third term)

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

Podiatry Board of Australia

Ms Jeanette Barker Appointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 27 March 2026 (first term)

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

Psychology Board of Australia

Mr Mitch Read

Appointed as practitioner member from Western Australia for a period of 3 years from 27 March 2026 (first term)

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