



Health Ministers' Meeting Communiqué

19 October 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 7 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 September 2026. 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 September 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, 73 applications were received for the advertised vacancies across National Boards – 22 applications for practitioner member vacancies and 51 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*.

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Attachment

Appointments made to National Boards

Appointments made to National Boards by resolution of the Ministerial Council on 7 September 2026 under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law* as in force in each state and territory, for terms as indicated below.

Chiropractic Board of Australia

Dr Michael Shobbrook AM	Appointed as chair member (first term) from Australian Capital Territory from 13 September 2026 to 21 November 2027.
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All other current National Board appointments continue. Chair and other members are listed on the Board's website: <https://www.chiropracticboard.gov.au/>

Medical Board of Australia

Donna Thomas	Reappointed as community member for a period of 3 years from 12 September 2026 (second term).
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All other current National Board appointments continue. Chair and other members are listed on the Board's website: <https://www.medicalboard.gov.au/>

Medical Radiation Practice Board of Australia

Kate Henderson	Reappointed as community member for a period of 3 years from 12 September 2026 (second term).
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Assoc Prof Jennifer McIntosh	Appointed as community member for a period of 3 years from 7 September 2026 (first term).
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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

Dr Paula Medway	Appointed as chair member (first term) and reappointment as practitioner member from South Australia (second term) for a period of 3 years from 2 October 2026.
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Michelle Garner	Appointment as practitioner member from Queensland for a period of 3 years from 7 September 2026 (first term).
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All other current National Board appointments continue. Chair and other members are listed on the Board's website: <https://www.nursingmidwiferyboard.gov.au/>

Osteopathy Board of Australia

Dr Casey Beaumont	Reappointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years from 2 October 2026 (second term).
Dr Zoe Wood	Reappointment as practitioner member from Tasmania for a period of 3 years from 12 September 2026 (second term).
Dr Timothy McNamara	Reappointment as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years from 26 September 2026 (third term).

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

Podiatry Board of Australia

Prof Andrew Taggart	Reappointed as a community member for a period of 3 years from 25 September 2026 (third term).
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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

Prof Kimberley Norris	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Tasmania for a period of 3 years from 13 September 2026 (second term).
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All other current National Board appointments continue. Chair and other members are listed on the Board's website: <https://www.psychologyboard.gov.au/>