



Health Ministers' Meeting

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Dear Dr Tonkin

Approval of the revised registration standard: Endorsement of registration for acupuncture for registered medical practitioners

Thank you for your letter of 13 August 2021 on behalf of the Medical Board of Australia, submitting the Board's proposal to update the registration standard: 'Endorsement of registration for acupuncture for registered medical practitioners'.

I am pleased to advise that pursuant to section 12 of the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory, the Ministerial Council decided on 3 December 2021 to approve the proposed revised registration standard as recommended by the Board.

In approving the revised registration standard, Ministers' noted your advice that the revised registration standard will assure the Board and the public that only registered medical practitioners who are appropriately qualified are granted endorsement of registration for acupuncture.

We understand that the Board will implement the standard to take effect six months after receipt of the Ministerial Council's decision to ensure medical practitioners are given at least three months' notice before the standard comes into effect.

Thank you for bringing the Board's proposal to Health Ministers' Meeting.

Yours sincerely

Hon Stephen Wade MLC
Chair
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