



Health Ministers Meeting Communiqué

20 September 2023

Health Ministers announce National Board appointments

Health Ministers are 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 Registration and Accreditation Scheme (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 2020. 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 October 2022.

The details of the statutory appointments made by the Ministerial Council are set out in the **attachment** to this communiqué.

The appointment process enables 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 the relevant 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, 91 applications were received for the advertised vacancies across National Boards – 48 applications for practitioner member vacancies and 43 applications for community member vacancies.

Ministers acknowledged all retiring board members and thanked them for their service. These members' contributions to health practitioner regulation from first appointment to now have been outstanding.

Finally, a warm welcome was extended to all new and returning Chairs and 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 is a vacancy remaining on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health Practice Board of Australia for a practitioner member from Western 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 23 August 2023 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 Wayne Minter Reappointed as Chair (fourth term) and practitioner member from New South Wales (fourth term) for a period of 3 years from 13 September 2023

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

Medical Board of Australia

Ms Donna Thomas Appointed as community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 12 September 2023

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

Mrs Kate Henderson Appointed as community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 12 September 2023

Miss Nicole Gatt Appointed as community member for a period of 3 years (first term) from 18 September 2023

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

Ms Veronica Casey Reappointed as Chair (second term) and practitioner member from Queensland (fourth term) for a period of 3 years from 15 September 2023

Ms Paula Medway Appointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years (first term) from 2 October 2023

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

Osteopathy Board of Australia

Dr Paul Orrock	Appointed as Chair (first term) from 2 October 2023 until 24 February 2024, the end of his practitioner member appointment
Dr Timothy McNamara	Reappointed as practitioner member from Victoria for a period of 3 years (second term) from 26 September 2023
Dr Casey Beaumont	Appointed as practitioner member from South Australia for a period of 3 years (first term) from 2 October 2023
Ms Zoe Wood	Appointed as practitioner member from a small jurisdiction (Tasmania) for a period of 3 years (first time) from 12 September 2023.

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

Podiatry Board of Australia

Em Prof Andrew Taggart	Reappointed as community member for a period of 3 years (second term) from 25 September 2023
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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	Appointed as practitioner member from Tasmania for a period of 3 years (first term) from 13 September 2023.
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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/>