

## Ahpra Board communiqué

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### November 2022

The [Ahpra Board](#) met on Tuesday 15 November in a hybrid capacity with some members attending face-to-face in Melbourne and others by videoconference. This communiqué highlights key discussions and considerations from the meeting.

The Chair acknowledged the Traditional Owners of the lands on which the meeting was being held and paid respect to their Elders, past and present.

### CEO report

Members noted the CEO report highlighting:

- successful passage of National Law amendments and next steps
- the CEO appearance at Senate Estimates
- several briefings of jurisdictions on workforce planning
- update on the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and Cultural Safety Strategy.

The Ahpra Board welcomed Ms Richelle McCausland, the National Health Practitioner Ombudsman (NHPO) to provide the learnings from 2021-22 and key highlights from the NHPO 2021-22 annual report.

The Board also received a presentation on the thematic outcomes of the National Boards effectiveness survey and discussed the National Cabinet workforce implementation plan.

### Business items

In other agenda items the Ahpra Board:

- approved the Financial report YTD 2022-23 and Budget assumptions 2023-24
- approved the Public interest disclosure (whistleblower) policy, Fee setting policy, Modern slavery policy, Credit card policy, Investment policy and the Information security policy
- approved the appointment of members to the Cosmetic surgery oversight group
- noted the annual effectiveness review for the Ahpra Board committees
- noted an update on cosmetic surgery
- noted the Q1 2022-23 Strategic initiative and portfolio report
- noted the scheduled review of accreditation arrangements.

The next business meeting of the Ahpra Board is scheduled for 13 December 2022 in the Melbourne office.