



Communiqué

The 41st meeting of the Optometry Board of Australia (the National Board) was held on 29 May 2013 at the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) national office in Melbourne.

This communiqué outlines the issues and decisions from this meeting as well as other points of interest.

We publish this communiqué on our website and email it to a broad range of stakeholders. Please forward it on to your colleagues and employees who may be interested.

The Victorian Optometrists Training and Education (VOTE) Trust 2013–2014

The Victorian Optometrists Training and Education (VOTE) Trust was established in 2010 by the Optometrists Registration Board of Victoria from funds accumulated and held by the Board.

Annual grant applications are now open.

Applications are open from 1 June 2013 to 31 July 2013.

For more information go to the VOTE page on the *About* section of the Board's website: www.optometryboard.gov.au/About/Vote-Trust.

Revised Guidelines for use of scheduled medicines

The Board is monitoring the impact of the scheduled medicines guidelines and will keep stakeholders informed.

Accreditation and approval of programs of study

The Board is finalising accreditation arrangements with the Optometry Council of Australia and New Zealand (OCANZ) for delivering the accreditation function from 1 July 2013.

CPD accreditation

The board is finalising details for an expression of interest in CPD accreditation.

Conclusion

We publish a range of information about registration and our expectations of you as an optometrist on our website at www.optometryboard.gov.au or www.ahpra.gov.au.

For more detail or with questions about your registration please send an online enquiry form or contact AHPRA on 1300 419 495.

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