

Joint Statement

We are pleased to announce that the transfer of responsibilities from the ACCE to the CCEA has occurred as of the 8th January 2006, on which date the ACCE was formally deregistered.

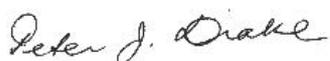
In January 2003 we wrote to advise all chiropractic, educational and other stakeholders and interested parties in Australia, New Zealand and abroad regarding the cooperative progress of transition between the ACCE and the CCEA. This transition would enable the transfer of responsibilities for chiropractic education and program accreditation as historically borne by the ACCE to the CCEA. It was anticipated that the ACCE would cease operations when the CCEA had become fully established and had secured local and international recognition of its role.

Formation of the CCEA occurred in February 2002 with its recognition by Australian and New Zealand chiropractic authorities (stakeholders) secured by this process. In 2005 the CCEA obtained the formal approval of the Government of the Commonwealth of Australia as the authority for skills assessment in respect of immigrants seeking to practice chiropractic in Australia. Internationally, the CCEA in 2005 was admitted to membership of The Councils on Chiropractic Education International (CCEI).

Following from these developments, ACCE retired from membership of CCEI, resolved to cease operations and initiated the process of its deregistration by the Australian Securities and Investment Commission (ASIC), the corporate licensing authority. The deregistration of ACCE was approved by ASIC on 24 October 2005 and that approval was subsequently published in the Australian Government Gazette. After the expiration of a statutory period for the lodgement of any objection, the deregistration of ACCE was confirmed on 8th January 2006. Meanwhile, CCEA endorsed and adopted the current ACCE accreditations and the associated monitoring roles for accredited educational institutions.

The position now is that ACCE has ceased operations, its extant accreditations have been taken up by CCEA, and the Australian and New Zealand governments, regulatory authorities, institutions of chiropractic education, professional associations and other stakeholders understand that continuing and new accreditations are now the responsibility of CCEA.

It has been a long, and at times, difficult task to arrive at this worthwhile outcome and we acknowledge gratefully the sustained commitment, effort and support given by many authorities, organisations, institutions and individuals in achieving it. In this respect, the Chiropractors' Associations of both Australia and New Zealand during the past 3 decades deserve special mention, as well as the many members of the academic and community sectors who provided specialist knowledge, experience and wisdom. We owe much to their advice and presence. We acknowledge too the creative, historic role developed and played by the ACCE (1975 – 2005) and the selfless manner in which that agency stepped aside in order to foster progress in changing circumstances. We firmly believe that the CCEA is strongly positioned and resourced to lead chiropractic educational standards and competencies in its region into the future.



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