

Communiqué

Meeting of the Podiatry Board of Australia held on 23 March 2012

This communiqué highlights key issues from the Board's last meeting. At each meeting, the Board considers a wide range of issues, many of which are routine and are not included in this communiqué.

The Board held its meeting in Tasmania at the AHPRA Hobart office.

Forum in Hobart

Whilst in Hobart, the Board held a forum for the profession on the evening of 23 March 2012, which was well attended by local podiatrists.

The Board welcomed the opportunity to meet Tasmanian podiatrists and discuss issues relating to the registration and regulation of podiatrists under the National Law.

Forum in Perth

The Board will be hosting a forum in Perth on Thursday 24 May 2012, prior to the May Board meeting which will be held at the AHPRA Perth office. This will provide an opportunity for the Board to meet Western Australian practitioners and provide information and answer questions on the national registration and accreditation scheme. Details of the forum will be published shortly and those members of the profession in Western Australia who have provided AHPRA with their email address will receive an invitation by email.

If you haven't already provided AHPRA with your email address, you can update your contact details, including your email address online at www.ahpra.gov.au; you will need to log in to Online Services and follow the prompts.

Consultation on Guidelines for Supervision and Limited registration standards

The Board has released the following two consultation papers:

1. Guidelines for supervision for podiatrists

The proposed *Guidelines for supervision of podiatrists* set out the principles the Board considers central to safe and effective supervision for a range of regulatory needs.

Following public consultation, the Board will finalise the *Guidelines for supervision of podiatrists* taking into account the consultation comments. When the Guidelines for supervision have been approved by the Board they will be published on the Board's website.

2. Limited registration standards:

- a. Limited registration for postgraduate training or supervised practice
- b. Limited registration in the public interest

c. Limited registration for teaching or research

The proposed registration standards set out the requirements that apply to an applicant for limited registration. Following public consultation, the Board will finalise the limited registration standards, taking into account the consultation comments and submit the final limited registration standards to the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (the Ministerial Council) for approval.

The consultation papers are published on the Board's website under *Current consultations*. The consultation period closes on 30 May 2012 and all stakeholders are invited to provide feedback on the documents by COB on this date.

Sample Log Sheet for Endorsement for Scheduled Medicines

A sample log sheet was published on the Board's website on 19 March 2012. The Board has developed the sample log sheet and sample prescription to provide guidance for podiatrists and podiatric surgeons who are currently undertaking clinical experience with a Supervisor in preparation to apply for an endorsement for scheduled medicines. This sample log sheet is part of a suite of documents to assist with the application for endorsement for scheduled medicines.

Further information

Further information about the Board can be found on the Board's website at www.podiatryboard.gov.au and practitioners are encouraged to refer to the site for news and updates on Policy and Guidelines affecting their profession.

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