

Communiqué

Meeting of the Podiatry Board of Australia held on 16 November 2011

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.

Renewal of registration

All registered podiatrists are required to renew their registration by 30 November 2011. Podiatrists are urged to renew their registration before the expiry date.

As at 22 November 2011, 61% of podiatrists had lodged an application for renewal of registration with AHPRA.

To renew registration online, update contact details or check registration status, go to www.ahpra.gov.au; and log-in to Online Services by following the prompts. You will need to use your unique contact number (User ID). Your User ID is not your registration number. If you do not have your User ID, complete an online enquiry form, selecting 'User ID' as the category of enquiry or by calling 1300 419 495.

An application for renewal of registration must be made not later than one month after a practitioner's period of registration ends. A late payment fee will apply to practitioners who apply to renew during the one month late period.

Under the National Law, podiatrists who do not renew registration within one month of their registration expiry date must be removed from the National Register of Podiatrists. Their registration will lapse and they will not be able to practise in Australia until a new application is approved.

More information about what happens if a practitioner misses the 30 November renewal date is outlined in the current issues of the Board's [newsletter](#).

CPD Reminder

Practitioners must ensure that they have met the Board's CPD requirements by the time they renew their registration.

Practitioners are required to declare on the renewal of registration form whether they have met the Board's CPD requirements during the preceding registration period. The Board may refuse to renew a practitioner's registration if the CPD requirements have not been met.

The Board's requirements for CPD are set out in the [Continuing Professional Development Registration Standard](#), which is available on the Board's website under the Registration Standards tab. The Board's [Guidelines for continuing professional development](#) and [FAQ's for CPD](#) are also on the Board's website under the Policies, Codes and Guidelines tab.

Registration standard for specialist registration

The Board has approval from the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (the Ministerial Council) for specialist registration for the podiatry specialty of podiatric surgery.

Under the National Law the Board may develop and recommend to the Ministerial Council registration standards to deal with issues relevant to the eligibility of individuals for registration in the podiatry profession or the suitability of individuals to competently and safely practise podiatry. The National Law requires the Board to undertake wide-ranging consultation on the content of proposed registration standards, codes or guidelines.

The Board is developing a registration standard for specialist registration, which will be released for wide-ranging public consultation.

The consultation document will be published on the Board's website later this year and the Board encourages stakeholders to provide feedback when the documents are released. The registration standard will be finalised after all submissions have been considered. The registration standard will then be referred to Ministerial Council for approval.

Registration standards for limited registration and Guidelines for supervision of podiatrists

The Board is developing the following registration standards and guideline, which will be released for wide-ranging public consultation later this year:

- Limited registration for postgraduate training or supervised practice
- Limited registration in the public interest
- Limited registration for teaching or research
- Guidelines for Supervision

The consultation documents will be published on the Board's website later this year and the Board encourages stakeholders to provide feedback when the documents are released. The registration standards and guideline will be finalised after all submissions have been considered. The registration standards will then be referred to Ministerial Council for approval. The guideline will be published when it has been approved by the Board.

Consultation on definition of practice

The Board is also currently undertaking public consultation in relation to the definition of 'practice' used by the 10 health professions regulated under the National Law. A consultation paper has been published on the Board's website at www.podiatryboard.gov.au and the Board is seeking feedback on the consultation paper by 2 December 2011.

Seven of the 10 National Boards (Chiropractic, Dental, Medical, Optometry, Osteopathy, Podiatry and Physiotherapy) are currently undertaking this consultation.

Newsletter

The Board recently emailed a newsletter to all podiatrists who have provided their email address to AHPRA. A hardcopy of the newsletter was posted to the remainder. The [newsletter](#) is available on the Board's website. The Board will publish another newsletter in April 2012.

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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Chair
Podiatry Board of Australia

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The Board is established under the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act* (National Law) as in force in each state and territory.