

# Communiqué

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## Meeting of the Podiatry Board of Australia held on 31 January 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 Adelaide at the AHPRA South Australian office.

### Forum for podiatrists in Hobart

The Board is hosting a forum for podiatrists in Hobart on the evening of Friday 23 March 2012 at the AHPRA Hobart office, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor, AMP Building, Cnr Elizabeth & Collins Street, Hobart.

It will commence at 7:00pm to allow time for registrants in other parts of Tasmania to travel to Hobart.

The forum will provide an opportunity for Tasmanian podiatrists to meet members of the Board and discuss issues relating to the registration and regulation of podiatrists under the National Law.

The forum has been timed to coincide with an APodA (Tas) CPD event that is being held in Hobart on Saturday 24 March 2012. The Board hopes that as many podiatrists as possible will be able to attend the Board's forum.

Tasmanian registrants will receive an invitation from the Board to the forum via email within the next two weeks.

### Registration standard for specialist registration as a podiatric surgeon

The Board is developing a registration standard for specialist registration, which will be released for wide-ranging public consultation soon. The proposed registration standard sets out the requirements that apply to an applicant for specialist registration as a podiatric surgeon.

The consultation document will be published on the Board's website 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 and will then be referred to Ministerial Council for approval.

### Prescribing Competencies Framework

The National Prescribing Service Limited (NPS) is coordinating the Prescribing Competencies Framework project. Podiatry organisations have been requested to make submissions and individual podiatrists also have the opportunity to make submissions about the competencies that are essential for safe and effective prescribing. You can provide feedback on the framework by completing an online survey available at <http://surveys.nps.org.au/s3/Health%20Professionals%20Prescribing%20Competencies>.

The survey is available now and will be open until the end of February 2012. The survey contains a hyperlink to the draft framework document.

All feedback from organisations and individuals will be collated for consideration in the revision of the draft. The draft will then be updated and reviewed by the project's Expert Reference Group and the Advisory Group prior to final sign off, with anticipated completion by May 2012.

### Further information

Further information about the Board can be found on the Board's website at [www.podiatryboard.gov.au](http://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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