



Communiqué

Meeting of the Podiatry Board of Australia held on 25 July 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.

Fee schedule published

The Board has published its fee schedule for 2012-13 on its website at www.podiatryboard.gov.au/Registration-Endorsement/Fees.aspx.

The Board's registration fee for 2012-13 has been set at \$368 (with a rebate for practitioners whose principal place of practice is NSW). The new fee represents an increase of less than the current CPI of 1.6%. The annual renewal fee applies from 1 July 2012 and will cover the 1 December 2012 to 30 November 2013 registration period for most practitioners.

NSW is a co-regulatory jurisdiction. The Podiatry Council of New South Wales and the Health Care Complaints Commission work in tandem to assess and manage concerns about practitioners' conduct, health and performance. In other states and territories, this is done by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and the Board.

Stakeholder forum in Brisbane

The Board is holding its October 2012 board meeting in Brisbane to coincide with the Australian Podiatry Association (Qld) state conference which is being held in Brisbane on 12 -13 October 2012.

The Board will be hosting a forum for registrants on the evening of Thursday 11 October 2012 at 6pm. Further details will be provided once the venue has been confirmed and all Queensland podiatrists will receive an invitation via email to the forum.

The forum will provide an opportunity for Queensland podiatrists to meet members of the Board and discuss issues relating to the registration and regulation of podiatrists under the National Law. The Board hopes that as many podiatrists as possible will be able to attend the Board's forum.

Review of Registration Standard, guidelines and codes

The Board's registration standards, codes and guidelines that commenced on 1 July 2010 are due for review at least every three years. Over the next 12 months the Board will be undertaking a phased review of its standards, codes and guidelines and as part of this review the Board will undertake wide ranging consultation. Consultation papers will be published on the Board's website and the Board encourages stakeholders to participate in the consultation process and provide feedback when the consultation documents are released.

Meeting with the Podiatrists Board of New Zealand

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

Representatives of the Board recently met with the Podiatrists Board of New Zealand (PBNZ). The Board welcomed the opportunity to discuss common issues and experiences with the PBNZ and looks forward to ongoing dialogue between the two boards regarding common policies and processes.

Health Ministers Announce New Appointments and Reappointments

On 30 July 2012 the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (the Ministerial Council) announced new appointments and reappointments of Chairs, practitioner and community members to fill vacancies arising across ten National Boards for the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (NRAS). The vacancies arose as a result of the expiry of 105 terms of the inaugural appointments to these national boards (as made by the Ministerial Council in 2009) and were advertised in the national press on 11 February 2012. The following members have been reappointed/appointed to the Podiatry Board of Australia for the next term from 30 August 2012:

Mrs Catherine Loughry	Appointed as Chair and reappointed as a practitioner member from South Australia
Associate Professor Laurence Foley	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Western Australia
Dr Paul Bennett	Appointed as a practitioner member from Queensland
Mr Mark Gilheany	Reappointed as a practitioner member from Victoria
Dr Paul Tinley	Reappointed as a practitioner member from New South Wales
Ms Annabelle Williams	Appointed as a practitioner member from Tasmania
Mrs Anne-Marie Hunter	Reappointed as a community member
Mr Ebenezer Banful	Reappointed as a community member
Mr Mark Bodycoat	Appointed as a community member

AHPRA issued a [media release](#), stating that 'the appointments announced yesterday reflect Ministers' intention to balance stability with renewal in National Board membership'. The media release and the Ministerial Council's [Communiqué](#) are both available on the AHPRA website.

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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