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To whom it may concern

## **Consultation Paper on Draft Registration Standards for Limited Registration Podiatrists**

The Australasian College of Podiatric Surgeons (“the ACPS” or “the College”) thanks the Board for the opportunity to provide comment.

The College supports all of the guidelines presented in the consultation paper regarding:

- Limited registration for postgraduate training or supervised practice;
- Limited registration in the public interest, and
- Limited registration for teaching or research.

The College would like to comment on the minimum requirements which the Board will apply in each of the above situations, with respect to podiatric surgeons.

The Consultation paper has stated:

*“For podiatric surgeons the minimum requirement is 3 years podiatry training (or equivalent) and 2 years podiatry practice plus a 3 year full time course (or equivalent) in podiatric surgery”*

The College would like to point out that the minimum requirements should be the same minimum requirements required by the College for fulfilment of the training programme and progression to Fellowship. These are listed below:

- an accredited degree in podiatry (4 years equivalent);
- a minimum 2 years of postgraduate podiatric clinical practice;
- completion of an accredited Masters degree;
- submission of curriculum vitae and reference checks;
- submission of a surgical log book;
- successful examinations (written, practical and oral); and
- interview.

Inclusion of the above criteria in the Registration Standards for Limited Registration is recommended. The College believes this will ensure protection of the public.

The College supports the principle of the registrant having to undertake a possible period of further postgraduate training or a period of supervised practice. In this way, the proposed guidelines for supervision of podiatrists are closely linked with those of limited registration.

The College looks forward to the further development of the guidelines and trusts the feedback provided will be taken into consideration.

Kind regards

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