



## Communiqué

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### Meeting of the Podiatry Board of Australia held on 25 October 2013

The Board held its meeting in the ACT at the Canberra AHPRA office.

#### Stakeholder forum in Canberra

While in Canberra, the Board held a forum on the evening of 24 October 2013, which was attended by local podiatrists.

The Board welcomed the opportunity to meet podiatrists from the ACT on an informal basis and discuss issues relating to the registration and regulation of podiatrists under the National Law.

#### Registration renewal

Registrants will have received information from AHPRA regarding renewal of registration, which is due by **30 November 2013**.

The Board encourages practitioners to renew their registration early and to renew online. If you do not apply to renew your registration within one month after your registration expiry date, your registration will lapse. Under the National Law, your name must be removed from the Register of Podiatrists. You will not be able to practise podiatry in Australia until a new application for registration is approved and the register is updated.

If you experience difficulties using the online renewal service you can phone the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) Customer Service Team on 1300 419 495 and a team member will guide you through the process.

It is important that you make sure AHPRA has your current contact information so that you don't miss email and hard copy reminders to renew.

To update your contact details using AHPRA's secure online services, you can go to the AHPRA website at [www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au) then:

- go to the bottom of the home page
- click on *Update Contact Details* under Services for Practitioners
- use your user ID and secure password, and
- follow the prompts.

#### Consultation on registration standards

As part of a scheduled review of the registration standards that have been in place since 1 July 2010, the Board, together with other National Boards, is currently consulting on the *Criminal history registration standard* and the *English language skills registration standard*.

The *English language skills registration standard* sets minimum requirements for practitioners to ensure they can communicate effectively in English and provide safe care to the Australian community.

The *Criminal history registration standard* sets out what National Boards will consider when deciding whether a health practitioner's criminal history is relevant to their practice of their profession.

The consultation paper is available under [Current consultations](#) on the Board's website.

The Board encourages practitioners to take the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed standards.

### **Further information**

Further information about the Board can be found on the 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 policies and guidelines affecting their profession.

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**Podiatry Board of Australia**  
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