



Communiqué

Meeting of the Podiatry Board of Australia held on 26 November 2014

Have you renewed your registration yet?

Podiatrists and podiatric surgeons who didn't apply to renew their registration by 30 November 2014 are required to pay a late payment fee in addition to the annual renewal fee. This is outlined in the National Law.

If your application was received by 30 November or during the following one month late period, you can continue practising while your application is processed.

If you don't apply to renew your registration by 31 December 2014 your registration will lapse and your name must be removed from the *Register of practitioners*. You will not be able to practise in Australia as a podiatrist or podiatric surgeon until a new application for registration is approved.

More information about renewal of registration is available on the [Board's website](#).

Newsletter

The Board recently released its latest newsletter, which was emailed to all registrants who have provided AHPRA with their email address.

The newsletter is published on the Board's [website](#) and topics include information about the Board's upcoming survey of registrants, infection control, confidentiality of health records, the current consultation on the review of entry-level accreditation standards and competency standards for the podiatry profession, and the regulatory principles for the National Scheme.

You are encouraged to read the newsletter to help you keep up to date on the work of the Board and AHPRA.

Annual Report

The 2014 Annual Report of AHPRA and the National Boards reporting on the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme has now been published.

The 2014 annual report is a comprehensive record of the National Scheme for the 12 months ending 30 June 2014. This year for the first time, local summaries of the work in regulating health practitioners in every state and territory have been published. These summaries and the 2014 annual report are published on the [AHPRA website](#)

Podiatry regulation at work in Australia, 2013/14

The Board has also published a report of its work in regulating the podiatry profession in the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme during 2013/14.

The [report](#) provides a profession-specific view of the Board's work to manage risk to the public and regulate the profession in the public interest. It is a profile of regulation at work in Australia for the 12 months ending 30 June 2014.

The data in this report are drawn from data published in the [2013/14 annual report](#) of AHPRA and the National Boards, reporting on the National Scheme.

Snapshot of the registered podiatry workforce

The Board publishes quarterly data profiling Australia's podiatry workforce, including a number of statistical breakdowns about registrants.

The Board's September 2014 data update, which was recently published on the Board's website shows that there are 4,144 registered podiatry practitioners in Australia. Of these, 4031 hold general registration as a podiatrist, 27 hold general and specialist registration as a podiatric surgeon and 86 hold non-practising registration.

Further information

Further information about the Board can be found on the [Board's website](#). Practitioners are encouraged to refer to the site for news and updates on policies or guidelines affecting their profession.

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Chair
Podiatry Board of Australia
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