



Communiqué

Meeting of the Podiatry Board of Australia held on 17 December 2014

Have you renewed your registration yet?

The registration renewal date for podiatrists and podiatric surgeons was 30 November 2014.

As at 19 December 2014, 95% of the podiatry professions have renewed their registration.

If you haven't already renewed your registration, please do so as soon as possible. The quickest and easiest way to renew registration is [online](#).

There is a late payment fee for renewal applications received in December, which reflects the cost of managing late renewals.

Under the National Law, if you do not apply to renew your registration within one month of your registration expiry date your registration will lapse and you will not be able to practise in Australia until a new application for registration is approved. Your name must be removed from the Register of Podiatrists and you cannot practise until your application is processed and the national register is updated.

If you have provided an email address to the Board or AHPRA you will have been sent email reminders. If you have not provided an email address to the Board or AHPRA, you will have been sent a reminder in the mail.

Information about renewal, including renewal FAQ's is available on the [Board's website](#).

Updating contact details

To check or update your contact details, go to the [Your Account](#) link on the AHPRA homepage, and enter your User ID, date of birth and password. Please note that your User ID is not your registration number. If you cannot remember your user ID or password, contact us [online](#) or call 1300 419 495.

Accreditation and approval of programs of study for the podiatry profession

One of the objectives of the National Law is to facilitate the provision of high quality education and training of health practitioners. The National Law sets out the roles of the Board and its appointed accreditation authority, ANZPAC, in relation to the accreditation and approval of education providers and programs of study for the podiatry profession.

ANZPAC is responsible for accrediting individual programs of study after it is reasonably satisfied that the program of study and the education provider that provides the program of study:

- meet an approved accreditation standard, or
- substantially meet an approved accreditation standard and the imposition of conditions on the accreditation will ensure the program meets the standard within a reasonable time.

ANZPAC can also refuse to accredit a program of study. ANZPAC is required to give the Board a report after it decides to accredit a program of study (with or without conditions). After being given an accreditation report, the Board may approve, or refuse to approve, the accredited program of study as

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providing a qualification for the purposes of registration or endorsement. An approval may be granted subject to conditions.

Programs of study approved by the Board are published under [Accreditation](#) on the Board's website.

Approval of program of study at the University of Western Australia

The Board approved until 21 November 2019, the accredited Doctor of Clinical Podiatry program of study offered by the University of Western Australia as providing a qualification for the purpose of specialist registration as a podiatric surgeon.

Strengthening international criminal history checks

From early 2015, National Boards and AHPRA will implement a new procedure for checking the criminal history of international applicants for registration. The new approach aims to strike a balance between public safety and regulatory burden for practitioners. We need to understand and manage any risk to patients and the public without unnecessarily delaying the registration process for applicants.

For more information, please read the [media release](#) on the AHPRA website.

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.

Season's Greetings

The Board would like to wish all members of the podiatry profession and stakeholders a safe and happy holiday season.

Cathy Loughry
Chair
Podiatry Board of Australia
23 December 2014