



Communiqué

Meeting of the Podiatry Board of Australia held on 25 March 2015

Release of Board survey

The Board recently emailed all registered podiatrists and podiatric surgeons inviting them to take part in a survey. Participation in the survey is voluntary and anonymous.

The objective of the survey is to assist the Board to better understand registrants' knowledge and understanding of their obligations under the National Law¹, as well as identifying areas where the Board might need to provide more guidance to the profession.

The Board has engaged the services of a consultant to conduct the survey on our behalf. All podiatrists and podiatric surgeons are encouraged to complete the survey and take this opportunity to provide valuable feedback to the Board.

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 December 2014 data update, which was published on the Board's website in early March, shows there are 4,347 registered podiatry practitioners in Australia. Of these, 4,220 hold general registration as a podiatrist, 28 hold general and specialist registration as a podiatric surgeon and 99 hold non-practising registration.

APodC National conference

The Board is holding a workshop at the Australasian Podiatry Council's (APodC) national conference in May 2015.

The Australasian Podiatry Conference is being held on the Gold Coast from 6-8 May 2015. The Board's workshop is titled *Surveys, audits – what is the risk?* and will include discussion about 'risk-based regulation'. The Board will present outcomes on the Board's survey of registrants, the Board's audit of registrants and the Board's project analysing notification data from across Australia since the start of the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme on 1 July 2010.

Information about the conference, including the programme and how to register, can be found on the APodC [website](#).

¹ The Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law)

Board evaluation

Board evaluation is widely accepted as a key element of good practice in board governance. As part of the Board's commitment to ongoing improvement, the Board recently participated in a Board evaluation and then had a facilitated discussion to reflect on the outcomes. This will help the Board to ensure it continues to work effectively to meet its regulatory obligations.

Security tip – keep your web browser updated

The Board has recently published information about changes to the AHPRA and National Board websites to ensure your information is kept safe.

From early April 2015, anyone using Internet Explorer version 6 (or an older version) to view the AHPRA and Board websites is likely to experience difficulty accessing web pages and online services.

To avoid an interruption to service, we recommend you upgrade to the newest version of Internet Explorer immediately. It is available for free from Microsoft. Read more on the [Board's website](#).

Further information

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

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