



Communiqué

Meeting of the Podiatry Board of Australia held on 29 July 2015

The Board held its July 2015 meeting by teleconference.

Accreditation and approval of programs of study for the podiatry profession

One of the objectives of the National Law¹ 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, the Australian and New Zealand Podiatry Accreditation Council (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. It may accredit a program of study if it is reasonably satisfied that the program and the education provider that provides the program meet, 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.

If ANZPAC decides to accredit a program of study (with or without conditions), it must give the Board a report about its accreditation of the program. After considering the accreditation report, the Board may approve, or refuse to approve, the accredited program of study as 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.

After considering reports on accreditation provided by ANZPAC, the Board approved the following programs of study.

University of South Australia

The Board approved until 11 July 2020 the following accredited programs of study offered by the University of South Australia as providing a qualification in podiatric therapeutics for the purpose of an endorsement for scheduled medicines:

- Advanced Pharmacology for Podiatrists (completed in 2006 or later), and
- Bachelor of Podiatry (completed in 2011 or later).

LaTrobe University

The Board approved until 11 July 2020 the following accredited programs of study offered by LaTrobe University as providing a qualification in podiatric therapeutics for the purpose of endorsement for scheduled medicines:

- Bachelor of Health Science/Master of Podiatric Practice (Pass and Honours), and

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

- Master of Podiatric Practice.

Endorsement for scheduled medicines – web-based case studies

One of the Board's requirements for endorsement for scheduled medicines is completion of 15 Board approved web-based case studies.

To enable additional education providers to develop web-based case studies and have them assessed and submitted to the Board for approval for the purpose of its endorsement for scheduled medicines requirements, the Board engaged ANZPAC, to develop an assessment process for web-based case studies. Information about developing web-based case studies and applying to ANZPAC to have them assessed is published on the [ANZPAC](#) website.

After considering an assessment report from ANZPAC, the Board approved the following web-based case studies for the purpose of an endorsement for scheduled medicines:

- Web-based case studies offered by the Queensland University of Technology as part of the Graduate Certificate in Podiatric Therapeutics.

A list of web-based case studies that have been approved by the Board can be found on the [Endorsement for scheduled medicines](#) page of the Board's website.

National Board appointments announced

Australian health ministers have recently announced new appointments and reappointments for the National Boards. The appointments are for a period of three years.

Cathy Loughry has been reappointed to the Podiatry Board of Australia as Chair and practitioner member from South Australia for a third term.

Current members of the Podiatry Board of Australia, Mr Ebenezer Banful and Dr Paul Tinley have been reappointed for a third term and Dr Paul Bennett has been reappointed for a second term.

We welcome the following new members who have been appointed to the Podiatry Board of Australia for their first term:

- Ms Ann Herriot – appointed as a community member from 4 May 2015
- Dr Janice Davies – appointed as a community member from 31 August 2015
- Mrs Kathryn 'Kate' Storer – appointed as a practitioner member from the Australian Capital Territory from 31 August 2015, and
- Dr Cylie Williams – appointed as a practitioner member from Victoria from 31 August 2015.

We thank Mrs Anne-Marie Hunter who resigned from the Board in April and the following members who will finish their terms in August:

- Mr Mark Bodycoat (community member)
- Associate Professor Laurie Foley (practitioner member from Western Australia)
- Mr Mark Gilheany (practitioner member from Victoria), and
- Ms Annabelle Williams (practitioner member from Tasmania).

A full list of appointments for the National Boards is available in the [Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council communiqué from 6 July 2015](#).

Health profession agreement and fees

The health profession agreement (HPA) between the Board and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) is being finalised and will be published on the Board's website soon. It sets

out the services that AHPRA will provide to support the Board to regulate the podiatry profession. The HPA will provide information about the Board's financial operations and fees.

Security tip – keep your web browser updated

AHPRA and the National Boards have made changes to our websites to ensure your information is kept safe.

If you are using Internet Explorer version 6 (or an older version) to view the Board's website and are experiencing difficulty accessing web pages and online services, the Board recommends you [upgrade to the newest version of Internet Explorer immediately](#). It is available for free from Microsoft.

If you are using a new version of Internet Explorer and are still having difficulty accessing our website please contact us to report your experience.

Call **1300 419 495** Monday to Friday, 9:00am – 5:00pm (Australian Eastern Standard Time).

Updating contact details

To check or update your contact details, go to the online services panel for practitioners on the homepage of the Board's website and click on the relevant link. Enter your user ID, date of birth and password to access your account. 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.

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.

Cathy Loughry
Chair
Podiatry Board of Australia
10 August 2015