



Communiqué

Meeting of the Podiatry Board of Australia held on 23 September 2015

The Board welcomed new board members

The Board welcomed new members Cylie Williams (practitioner member from Victoria) and Kate Storer (practitioner member from the ACT) to their first meeting.

New community member Janice Davies will attend her first meeting in October and we look forward to welcoming her to the Board.

Renewal reminder

Online renewal of registration is now open for podiatrists and podiatric surgeons.

Podiatrists and podiatric surgeons who are due to renew their registration by 30 November can apply online now.

A series of reminders to renew are being sent to practitioners by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA), on behalf of the Board. The email reminders include a link to [online renewal](#).

Under the National Law, all registered podiatrists and podiatric surgeons are responsible for renewing their registration on time each year. The quickest and easiest way to renew your registration is online.

If you do not renew your registration by 31 December (end of the one month late period), your registration will lapse in accordance with the National Law and your name will be removed from the national register.

Make sure you renew on time because, under the National Law, there is no option for AHPRA or the Board to renew your registration after it has lapsed without you having to complete a new application for registration.

The Board has reduced its fees

The national registration fee for podiatrists and podiatric surgeons for 2015/16 has been reduced.

The Board has reduced the registration fee to \$378, which is \$10 less than the previous year. The annual renewal fee applies from 9 September 2015 and covers the registration period for most practitioners of 1 December 2015 to 30 November 2016.

The fee for practitioners whose principal place of practice is NSW is \$430.¹

A full fee schedule, including the fee arrangements for practitioners whose principal place of practice is NSW, is published on the [Board's website](#).

The Board is established under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).

.Are your contact details up to date?

With renewal reminders being sent out soon, it is important that your contact details are up to date.

You can check or update your contact information by logging in to the [secure online services](#). Use your user ID and secure password, and follow the prompts.

If you do not have your user ID, complete an [online enquiry form](#) and select 'Online Services - Practitioner' as the category type. You might also need to [reset your password](#).

Email accounts should be set to receive communications from AHPRA and the Board to avoid misdirection to a 'junk email' or 'spam' box or account.

CPD reminder

When you renew your registration, you must declare whether you have met the Board's continuing professional development (CPD) requirements. The Board may refuse to renew your registration if the CPD requirements have not been met.

The Board's requirements for CPD are set out in the *Continuing professional development registration standard*, which can be found on the [Board's website](#) together with the Board's *Guidelines for continuing professional development* and FAQ's for CPD.

You need to ensure that you have met these requirements by the time you renew your registration.

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
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