



Public consultation on draft revised registration standards and relevant guidelines

19 May 2014

Responses to consultation questions

Please provide your feedback as a Word document (not PDF) by email to podiatryconsultation@ahpra.gov.au by close of business on 14 July 2014.

Stakeholder Details

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Your responses to the consultation questions

Registration standard: Professional indemnity insurance arrangements <i>Please provide your responses to any or all questions in the blank boxes below</i>
1. From your perspective how is the current Professional indemnity insurance (PII) arrangements registration standard working?
As a practitioner I feel they are satisfactory
2. Is the content and structure of the draft revised registration standard helpful, clear, relevant and more workable than the current registration standard?
It is all of the above
3. Is there any content that needs to be changed or deleted in the draft revised registration standard?
Nil

Registration standard: Professional indemnity insurance arrangements

Please provide your responses to any or all questions in the blank boxes below

4. Is there anything missing that needs to be added to the draft revised registration standard?

Nil

5. Do you have any other comments on the draft revised registration standard?

Nil

6. Do you think that that the current review period of at least every three years should be maintained or would an alternative period be appropriate e.g. five years, with the option to review earlier if the need arises?

Five years with the option to review if the need arises

Registration standard: Continuing professional development (CPD)

Please provide your responses to any or all questions in the blank boxes below

7. From your perspective how is the current CPD registration standard working?

From a podiatrist who only works part-time (one day a week), I find the current standard could be improved.
I have found that the information found on the website differs to what has been said over the phone regarding the range of activities.
I find the current categories restrictive, and doesn't make allowances for those who work part time, or only work for part of the year.
In a profession at workforce management issues, which will potentially increase with an ageing population, it is even more important to maintain part-time workers, not prompt them to possibly deregister as the current registration requirements are quite restrictive.
I am happy to discuss this issue further.

8. Is the content of the draft revised registration standard helpful, clear, relevant and more workable than the current registration standard?

It could be improved. I have personally received varying information from different people I have spoken at APHRA.

9. Is there any content that needs to be changed or deleted in the draft revised registration standard?

As mentioned previously, I feel the range of activities should be changed, for example, I feel that the annual CPR requirements should be included in the 20 points.

10. Is there anything missing that needs to be added to the draft revised registration standard?

Please see previous comments.
I feel the board should be trying to address workforce management issues by maintaining as many part time podiatrists as they can into the future.

11. Do you have any other comments on the draft revised registration standard?

I feel there is some ambiguity into the current guidelines regarding the range of activities and a great deal can be left to misinterpretation. The board should also be aware that not all registered

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podiatrists are not members of the Podiatry Association, so it would be helpful for more information on training, etc. provided the board would be helpful.

12. Do you think that that the current review period of at least every three years should be maintained or would an alternative period be appropriate e.g. five years, with the option to review earlier if the need arises?

Five years with the option to review earlier if the need arises

Guidelines on continuing professional development (CPD)

Please provide your responses to any or all questions in the blank boxes below

13. From your perspective, how are the current guidelines on CPD working?

I find them not very user friendly from a part time podiatrists point of view, and I know many part-time podiatrists who feel the same way, some considering deregistering as the cost of maintaining their professional requirements is too high and time consuming.

Podiatry is different to other professions as there are many podiatrists working in private practice as sole practitioners. For these podiatrists it may be harder to maintain their CPD compared to a RN who works in a hospital. I feel it continuing education is essential for every profession, but I feel there is little consideration for those podiatrists working in the private sector, especially those who work in rural setting.

14. Is the content of the draft revised guidelines helpful, clear, relevant and more workable than the current guidelines?

Same

15. Is there any content that needs to be changed or deleted in the draft revised guidelines?

Range of activities

16. Is there anything missing that needs to be added to the draft revised guidelines?

Please see my previous answers

17. Do you have any other comments on the draft revised guidelines?

Please see my previous answers.
I am available for further discussion if required.

Registration standard: Recency of practice (ROP)

Please provide your responses to any or all questions in the blank boxes below

18. From your perspective how is the current Recency of practice registration standard working?

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19. Is the content of the draft revised registration standard helpful, clear, relevant and more workable than the current registration standard?

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20. Is there any content that needs to be changed or deleted in the draft revised registration standard?

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21. Do you have any comments on the minimum practice requirements in the draft revised registration standard?

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22. Do you think that the following alternative for minimum hours of practice would be better? (i.e without the option of 150 hours in the 12 month period prior to applying for registration or renewal of registration). Please provide the reason for your answer:

- *450 hours of practice in the three year period prior to applying for registration or renewal of registration*

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23. Is there anything missing that needs to be added to the draft revised registration standard?

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24. Do you have any other comments on the draft revised registration standard?

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25. Do you think that that the current review period of at least every three years should be maintained or would an alternative period be appropriate e.g. five years, with the option to review earlier if the need arises?

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26. Do you have any comments on the draft *Guidelines about recency of practice*?

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