



## Communiqué

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August 2016

The Podiatry Board of Australia (Board) meets each month to consider and decide on matters related to its regulatory function under the National Law<sup>1</sup> and within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme).

This communiqué highlights key matters from the Board's meeting as well as other important information.

### August 2016 meeting

The Board's August meeting was held in Melbourne to coincide with the annual National Registration and Accreditation Scheme combined meeting where entities within the scheme got together to discuss the focus for the next 12 months.

### National Boards and AHPRA host research summit

The 2016 Research Summit hosted by the 14 National Boards and AHPRA was attended by more than 220 delegates who gathered together to talk about the next frontier for developing our partnership's evidence-base to improve the way we regulate.

The theme of the summit was *patient safety through risk-based regulation*, and presenters discussed a range of topics. At the heart of the discussion was how to contribute to safer care for patients and health consumers. Also discussed was how data collection and evaluation can help find new and innovative ways to improve regulatory processes for health practitioners and the public.

The inaugural summit provided an opportunity for the exchange of expertise and ideas between regulatory staff, experts in safety and quality in healthcare, health practitioners and leading health and medical researchers.

Read more in the [media release](#) about the summit which was held on 25 August.

### Registration fees for 2016/17

The national registration fee for podiatrists and podiatric surgeons for 2016/17 will remain the same as in the previous year.

The Board has frozen the registration fee at \$378. It will cover the registration period for most practitioners of 1 December 2016 to 30 November 2017.

The fee for practitioners whose principal place of practice is NSW is \$430.<sup>2</sup>

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

### Continuing professional development reminder

A revised continuing professional development (CPD) registration standard took effect on 1 December 2015.

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<sup>1</sup> The Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory (the National Law).

<sup>2</sup> NSW is a co-regulatory jurisdiction.

Practitioners will need to meet the obligations of the revised standard by the time they renew their registration, which is due by 30 November 2016.

More information about the new standard is on the [Board's website](#).

The Board has also published revised guidelines for CPD, FAQ's and templates to help practitioners plan and record their CPD activities. These can be found on the [Policies, codes and guidelines](#) section of the Board's website.

The Board hopes registered podiatrists and podiatric surgeons are progressing towards meeting their obligations for CPD by the time they renew their registration.

### **Revised standard for professional indemnity insurance arrangements**

The Board's revised registration standard for professional indemnity insurance arrangements took effect on 1 July 2016. Practitioners must comply with the new standard by the time they renew their registration, which is due by 30 November 2016.

More information about the new standard is on the [Board's website](#).

### **Further information**

The Board publishes a range of information for podiatrists and podiatric surgeons on its [website](#) and practitioners are encouraged to refer to the site for news and updates on policies and guidelines affecting the podiatry profession.

For more information about registration, notifications or other matters relevant to the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme please refer to the information published on [www.ahpra.gov.au](http://www.ahpra.gov.au). Alternatively, contact AHPRA by an [online enquiry form](#) or phone 1300 419 495.

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