



## Communiqué

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March 2017

The Podiatry Board of Australia (the Board) meets each month to consider and decide on matters related to its regulatory functions 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.

The Board's held its March 2017 meeting by teleconference.

### **Call for applications – Podiatry Board of Australia Registration and Notifications Committee**

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced registered podiatrists and podiatric surgeons interested in being appointed to the Board's Registration and Notification Committee (RNC).

The role of the RNC is to make decisions about individual registration and notification matters, based on the national policies and standards set by the Board.

The RNC has practitioner and community members. To ensure an appropriate balance of skills, knowledge and experience on the committee, the Board has decided to appoint an additional practitioner member to the RNC, preferably with experience in private practice.

The appointment is for one year with eligibility for reappointment. The successful applicant is expected to start in May/June 2017.

For more information on the role and the application process, please see the [news item](#) on our website.

**Expressions of interest close Monday 17 April 2017.**

### **Forum in Canberra**

As part of our communication and engagement strategy, the Board is holding a forum for registrants in Canberra on the evening of Thursday 27 April 2017. An invitation has been sent to podiatrists and podiatric surgeons whose principal place of practice is in NSW or the ACT. All podiatrists and podiatric surgeons are welcome to attend even if your principal place of practice is in a different state or territory.

The forum is a great opportunity for local podiatrists and podiatric surgeons and members of the Board to meet informally and discuss current issues in podiatry practice.

Members of the Board will present on the following two key topics, which will be followed by an open discussion with members of the profession:

- the importance of communicating effectively with your patients or clients, and
- continuing professional development (CPD) – maximising the effectiveness of your CPD through planning and reflection.

The forum is being held at Crowne Plaza, 1 Binara Street Canberra from 6.00pm - 7.00pm on Thursday 27 April 2017. Light refreshments will be served.

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

If you haven't already registered your interest in attending the forum you can do so via email at [forum@podiatryboard.gov.au](mailto:forum@podiatryboard.gov.au)

### Podiatry specific annual report summary

The Board has published a profession-specific annual report summary that looks into its work in podiatry regulation and registration over the 12 months to 30 June 2016.

The report draws on data from the [2015/16 annual report](#) by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and the National Boards. This information provides a snapshot of the podiatry profession as at 30 June 2016, and includes the number of applications for registration, outcomes of criminal history checks and segmentation of the registrant base by gender, age and principal place of practice.

Notification information includes the number of complaints or concerns received about podiatrists and podiatric surgeons, matters opened and closed during the year, types of complaint, monitoring and compliance, and matters involving immediate action.

Individual annual report summaries for each state and territory, offering insights into how the National Scheme is operating in each jurisdiction, have also been published.

To download this report, or to view the main 2015/16 annual report and summary reports by profession and state or territory, visit the [Annual report microsite](#).

### New accreditation publications about costs and international accreditation systems

Two new papers have been published about key aspects of the accreditation functions under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme).

The papers provide a new analysis of accreditation costs and an international comparison of accreditation systems for registered health professions in comparable health systems.

To read more about the papers, visit the [news item](#) on the AHPRA website.

### Follow AHPRA on social media

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### 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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