



## Communiqué

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June 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 any key matters from the Board's meeting as well as other important information.

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

### Upcoming Breakfast Forum in Hobart

As part of our communication and engagement strategy, the Board is holding a breakfast forum for registrants on Thursday 28 September 2017 in Hobart. Podiatrists and podiatric surgeons whose principal place of practice is in Tasmania will soon receive an email invitation to the forum. 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 topic, which will be followed by an open discussion with members of the profession:

*Themes identified through an analysis of complaints or concerns (called 'notifications' in the National Law) received by the Board about podiatrists and podiatric surgeons between July 2010 and June 2014.*

The forum is being held at the AHPRA office, Level 5, 99 Bathurst Street, Hobart from 7.30am to 8.30am. A light breakfast will be served.

You can register your interest in attending the forum by email at [forum@podiatryboard.gov.au](mailto:forum@podiatryboard.gov.au)

### Quarterly registration data

The Board publishes quarterly data profiling Australia's podiatry workforce. The data for the January to March 2017 quarter was recently published on the Board's website. The report includes a number of statistical breakdowns.

As at March 2017, there were a total of 4,913 registered podiatrists and podiatric surgeons. Of these 4,781 held general registration as a podiatrist; 30 held both general and specialist registration as a podiatric surgeon; 77 had their registration endorsed for scheduled medicines; and 102 held non-practising registration.

### New advertising information available for practitioners

The Board noted that new advertising information is now available on the AHPRA website to help podiatrists and podiatric surgeons check and correct their advertising so they comply with legal requirements.

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

It includes:

- examples of non-compliant advertising by registered health practitioners and changes that would help it to comply with the National Law.
- information about AHPRA's process for managing advertising complaints, and
- a summary of advertising guidelines.

Podiatrists and podiatric surgeons are responsible for their advertising and must be able to substantiate any claims made that their treatments benefit patients. If in doubt about a claim, podiatrists and podiatric surgeons should leave it out of their advertising.

More about advertising requirements is in the [Advertising resources](#) section of the AHPRA website.

### Follow AHPRA on social media

Connect with AHPRA on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) or [LinkedIn](#) to receive information about important topics for your profession and participate in the discussion.



### 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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