



Communiqué

21 December 2015

The Podiatry Board of Australia (the Board) meets each month to consider and decide on any matters related to its regulatory function under the National Law¹ and within the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme).

This communiqué aims to inform stakeholders of the work of the Board and matters regarding the National Scheme. Please forward it on to colleagues and employees who may be interested in its content.

December 2015 meeting

The Board held its last meeting for 2015. The Board had a planning session to initiate the development of its regulatory workplan for 2016/1. This work, which will continue in early 2016, will inform the development of the Board's budget for 2016-17.

Have you renewed your registration yet? Registration now in late period

The registration renewal date for podiatrists and podiatric surgeons was 30 November 2015.

If you have not already renewed your registration, you can still apply to renew until **31 December 2015**; however, a late fee must be paid in addition to the renewal of registration fee.

The quickest and easiest way to renew your registration is [online](#). You can keep practising during the late period but must apply for renewal of registration by **31 December**.

Under the National Law¹, if you do not apply to renew your registration within one month of your registration expiry date, your registration will lapse and your name must be removed from the [Register of Podiatrists](#), and/or the Board's specialist register in the case of podiatric surgeons. This means that you cannot practise in Australia until a new application for registration is approved.

If you wish to practise you must make a new application for registration. Fast track application forms will be available on the Board website under *Forms* during **January**. If submitting a fast track application in January, you cannot practise until your application is processed and your registration details are updated on the national register.

Information about renewal, including renewal FAQ's is available on the [Board's website](#).

Are your contact details up to date?

It is important that your contact details are up to date to receive renewal reminders from AHPRA and information from the Board.

You can check your details via the Login icon at the top right of the AHPRA website.

Email accounts need to be set to receive communications from AHPRA and the Board to avoid misdirection to an account junk box.

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

Are you a podiatry graduate applying for registration?

The [graduate application page](#) on the AHPRA website explains, step by step, how to apply for registration if you're a graduate.

The [frequently asked questions](#) provide answers to common questions about graduate applications. You are encouraged to take the time to read this information before submitting your application.

After applying online, you will receive your [Next Steps Checklist](#) via email. Please read this carefully and then mail the specified supporting documents. AHPRA will contact you if further information is required to complete your application.

Don't forget to read the FAQ, 'What happens next?'

You cannot be registered as a podiatrist until your education provider confirms to AHPRA the names of students who have successfully completed the course and your application has been assessed as meeting the Board's registration requirements. New graduates are registered and eligible to start work as a podiatrist soon as their name is published on the [national register of practitioners](#).

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.

Season's Greetings

On behalf of the Board I would like to wish all members of the podiatry profession and our stakeholders a safe and happy holiday season

Cathy Loughry
Chair
Podiatry Board of Australia