



Communiqué

July 2016

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

July 2016 meeting

The Board held its July 2016 meeting by teleconference.

Accreditation and approval of programs of study for the podiatry profession

One of the objectives of the National Law is to facilitate the provision of high quality education and training of health practitioners. The National Law sets out the roles of the Board and its appointed accreditation authority, the Australian and New Zealand Podiatry Accreditation Council (ANZPAC), in relation to the accreditation and approval of education providers and programs of study for the podiatry profession.

Central Queensland University

After considering a report from ANZPAC about its accreditation of the Bachelor of Podiatry Practice and Bachelor of Podiatry Practice (Honours) programs of study offered by Central Queensland University at its Rockhampton campus, the Board approved the programs until 30 May 2019 as providing a qualification in podiatric therapeutics for the purpose of endorsement for scheduled medicines.

These programs are also approved as providing a qualification for general registration as a podiatrist.

Newsletter

The Board's latest newsletter was emailed to registered podiatrists and podiatric surgeons. A copy of the newsletter is on the Board's [website](#).

Podiatrists and podiatric surgeons who didn't receive the newsletter by e-mail are advised to ensure their contact details are up to date via the [online services for practitioners](#).

Call for applications for appointment to a Scheduled Medicines Expert Committee

AHPRA and 14 health profession boards (National Boards), work together to deliver the National Registration and Accreditation scheme.

AHPRA is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified and experienced persons to be appointed to a Scheduled Medicines Expert Committee (the Expert Committee).

The role of the Expert Committee is to advise the National Boards on policy related to the use of scheduled medicines, including matters relevant to National Boards developing submissions for endorsements for scheduled medicines for consideration by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council.

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

Appointments are for a period of up to three years and are expected to start in late September 2016.

Applications close Monday 22 August 2016.

For more information on the role and the application process, you can download the application guide and application forms from the [AHPRA website](#).

Continuing professional development reminder

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

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](#).

Revised standard for recency of practice

A revised registration standard for recency of practice was published by the Board in February 2016. It comes into effect on 1 December 2016 and will replace the standard that is currently in place. Practitioners will need to meet the obligations of the revised standard by the time they renew their registration in 2017.

More information about the new standard can be found 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. Alternatively, contact AHPRA by an [online enquiry form](#) or phone 1300 419 495.

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