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To whom it may concern,

I am writing regarding the current requirements for registration as a Podiatrist in NSW. I work for NSW Health and as part of our employment we must complete CPR training every year. This includes learning how to use an automated external defibrillator and completing CPR on a manikin on the floor. As NSW Health employees we are offered the opportunity to enrol in the management of anaphylaxis. These training modules are created by senior staff and you are able to attain a certificate of completion at the end of the course.

The Board's current *Continuing professional development registration standard* requires podiatrists to complete training through a Registered Training Organisation (RTO) that includes cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), management of anaphylaxis and use of an automated external defibrillator. The CPR component must be updated every 12 months. Podiatrists must have a current Certificate of Attainment issued by an RTO as evidence that they have successfully completed the training in order to meet the requirements.

I have been informed that Tamworth Base Hospital which is a part of the Hunter New England Local Health District is not a registered RTO. Although this may be the case, whenever there is a medical emergency we are instructed to call the Medical Emergency Team who will attend the incident and take over the care of our patient. This is in line with our policies and procedures for NSW Health.

It would be appreciated if the board would consider reviewing the current standard for Podiatrists working full time on campus of a NSW Health institution such as Tamworth Rural Referral Hospital. To date, I have been completing the NSW Health training requirements as well as the Board's requirements and it seems ridiculous and expensive to complete two lots of training each year particularly when in a medical emergency I must follow protocol and make a MET call.

Your thoughts in regards to this matter would be appreciated.
Kind Regards,

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