



June 2017

2017 BOARD MEETINGS

The Board has met on 23 & 24 February and 25 & 26 May this year. Further meetings are planned for 24 & 25 August and 16 & 17 November.

The Board will be hosting representatives from the Podiatry Board of Australia at the August meeting.

ONLINE APC RENEWALS

The Board was pleased with the increased uptake of online applications this year and that nearly all applications ran smoothly. It is hoped that in future years this trend will continue and the number of paper based applications will be minimal.

The Board is planning at some future stage for partial online Registration applications as well. Practitioners and new graduates will be kept updated with progress in this area.

NEW CPD RECERTIFICATION POLICY

The Board has undertaken a second round of consultation on this document, which closed in May. It has considered all feedback and introduced some further modifications accordingly, in response to the feedback.

The Board very much appreciates, and would like to thank all practitioners who made the time and effort to respond to both consultations. There were 8 responses in total to Round 2 of the consultation.

The final document will be completed very soon and will be available on the Board's website.

CPD ONLINE FUNCTIONALITY

Work is now underway with the Board's database IT providers to enable practitioners to record their CPD hours online, with automatic reminders of how many hours are still required for the various CPD activities within their 2 year period. This function will be available from 1 January 2018.

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

A further reminder that when practitioners renew their Basic Life Support certificate, please ensure this also covers **AED and Anaphylaxis** training.

It is important to renew this certificate every 2 years to ensure it is always current.

PBRCF suggested provider list

As the Board is moving towards the new CPD Recertification Framework with the PBRCF under review, the Board will no longer be using the PBRCF suggested provider list. Practitioners unsure about a particular course they plan to attend, are able to check with the Registrar to see if it would gain CPD credits.

PRESCRIBING

Representatives from the Board have recently attended a meeting at the Ministry of Health about podiatric prescribing in the future.

It is likely that the new Therapeutic Products Bill may change the mechanism for applying for prescribing rights in the long term. The Board is continuing to monitor the situation and keep up to date with any new developments in this area.

NEW STANDARDS OF PRACTICE

The Board is currently consulting on the new Standards of Practice draft document, intended to replace the current Code of Practice. Practitioners and stakeholders will be contacted shortly advising of this consultation, which is also available on the Board's website.

http://www.podiatristsboard.org.nz/Site/Publications_and_News/publicationsnews.aspx

PODIATRY STUDY DAY

This is being organised by the Podiatric Medical Practitioners' CPD Network, to be held on

Friday 18 August 2017 (8.30am-4.30pm) at Wakefield Hospital, Wellington.

For further details please refer to their website podmednet.ac.nz

or register at contactpodmednet@gmail.com

ACC TREATMENT INJURY INFORMATION

ACC advise that they have released a new publication – Treatment Injury Information: Supporting Patient Safety.

www.acc.co.nz/treatmentsafety

MINISTRY OF HEALTH ADVICE

The Ministry has advised of important information related to changes in health practitioner status, whereby new legislation now enables suitably qualified health practitioners to carry out some activities previously only done by medical practitioners.

<http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/legislation-and-regulation/changes-health-practitioner-status>

PODIATRISTS BOARD OF NZ / PODIATRY NZ

A reminder again for a few where there continues to be some confusion between the two organisations.

The **Podiatrists Board** which must function within the terms of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act (HPCAA) exists to protect the health and safety of the public.

Podiatry New Zealand is the professional body and its main function is to look after the interests of the profession and its members, with a voluntary membership.

[Podiatrists Board and Podiatry NZ comparison](#)

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