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PBRCF AUDIT 2010

The Podiatrists Board Re-Certification Framework (PBRCF) Audit 2010 is due to commence in June, with this year's participants being advised in early January and reminded late April. It is anticipated that this year's audit will run even more smoothly than last year as practitioners become more aware of the Board's requirements. The Registrar is always available for any queries practitioners may have in this area.

LOGBOOKS

The Board wishes to remind practitioners that logbook details can be typed into the appropriate boxes in the forms available on our website (in the **Recertification Evidential Documents and Sample Logbook** available on the homepage.)

A reminder of the abbreviations used in the PBRCF are as follows:

CCME: Compulsory Continuing Medical Education activities

CME: Continuing Medical Education activities

CPD: Continuing Professional Development activities, and
CQI: Continuing Quality Improvement.

For the Audit please note that four sets of the Form 3 are required, each for CCME, CME, CPD and CQI.

The **CCME** areas are a priority, and include:

- Basic Life Support
- Infection Control
- Wound Management
- Podiatric Clinical Management
- Cultural Awareness/Competence.

PODIATRIC CLINICAL MANAGEMENT

There have been a few enquiries regarding this. To clarify, this covers any and all aspects of patient:

- Assessment
- Diagnosis
- Treatment
- Advice/ Education
- Referral/ Criteria Processes/Systems/ Liaison

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

The Board would again like to remind all practitioners of their two yearly PBRCF requirement to complete a Basic Life Support course (2 hour minimum).

PRIOR ENDORSED PROVIDERS

The Board has now introduced this list of providers which it is hoped will assist practitioners in choosing any courses to attend without the necessity to check for each individual one on eligibility for PBRCF credits or not.

Some of these Providers listed are:

- PNZ
- all DHBs
- all PHOs
- all Universities
- St John
- Red Cross
- Diabetes NZ

- NZWC Society and
- Mauri Ora.

The full list is available on our website home page.

The Board is happy to include every interested eligible party, and those who wish to be included on the endorsed provider list should contact the Board Registrar with an expression of interest.

NEW ANNUAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATE FEE

The Board has introduced a reduced APC fee of \$400 for the period 1 January to 31 March each year for:

- practitioners returning to practice and
- new overseas trained registrants.

NEW ANNUAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATE REQUIREMENT

The Board has introduced a new APC requirement for:

- all practitioners Returning to Practice after 5 years and
- all new TTMR (TransTasman Mutual Recognition) registrants

to pass the Board's Open Book Exam. This exam covers NZ cultural competence and legislative requirements.

OPEN BOOK EXAMINATION

It is anticipated that by early next year the current exam will be replaced by an on-line option that candidates may undertake from a link on our website, and being more easily administered will significantly reduce the fee.

PRESCRIBING RIGHTS UPDATE

The Ministry of Health has now completed its own consultation process on Designated Podiatric Prescribing.

The Board has been advised that it is to liaise with Health Workforce New

Zealand which is now responsible for new prescribers through its workforce innovation programmes, and a meeting is to be held next month with the current Chair, Professor Des Gorman.

The Board is also currently reviewing the list of medications being requested for designated prescribing.

ACC

The Board is pleased to advise that ACC is now offering applications for surgical contracts to those podiatrists with a further scope of practice in Podiatric Surgery.

MINISTRY OF HEALTH 2009 WORKFORCE SURVEY RESULTS

Some of you may have noticed page 2 incorrectly indicates the Medical Laboratory Scientists results for Table 1. The Ministry has apologised for this error and has advised the actual figures are correct for podiatrists in Table 1, it is just the title reference that is wrong. The Ministry undertakes this survey each year for all 16 of the registered health professions and utilises the Boards and Councils to include the Ministry survey with the APC renewal mailout.

ANNUAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATE RENEWAL

The Board was disappointed in the larger number of late APC renewals this year and would encourage practitioners to ensure that they send their APC renewal applications to the Board in plenty of time, and **well before** 31 March in 2011.

Continuing to practise on 1 April onwards without a current APC is in breach of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act.

If you will **not** be continuing to practice, the Board must be notified in writing, by the return of the non-practising declaration or advice by email.

UPDATE REGISTER

The HPCA Act also requires that you notify the Board of any address/ phone/ email changes within one month.

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