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Please Note: The Office will be closed from 20 December until 14 January 2013



The Board wishes all practitioners an enjoyable and safe holiday over the coming Christmas and New Year break.

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BOARD CHANGES

The Board Chair and Deputy Chair, Terry Bradshaw and Julianne Jackson stepped down from their roles at the last Board meeting on 2 November and the Board has now welcomed Leigh Shaw as Chair and Fiona Angus as Deputy.

Dr Dan Poratt's appointment to the Board expired earlier in the year and the Board welcomed Keith Aitken, so the number on the Board remains at 7 members.

It is anticipated that two positions on the Board will become vacant in February 2013 and the Minister of Health will be looking to make 2 new appointments shortly.

If anyone is interested in a role on the Board please contact Melissa Julius at appointments@moh.govt.nz for further information, or go to the Ministry website: <http://www.health.govt.nz/new-zealand-health-system/key-health-sector-organisations-and-people/appointments-health-statutory-bodies/vacancies-health-statutory-bodies>

SECRETARIAT CHANGES

The Board has retained its service level agreement with the Occupational Therapy Board, together with 2 other smaller Boards, and in August this year moved offices with this group to co-locate also with the Dental Council and Physiotherapy Board as well.

The PO Box number remains the same (PO Box 10-202) and the physical address is now:

Level 10, ASB House, 101 The Terrace, Wellington .

Health Workforce NZ is progressing its goal for a shared secretariat for all 16 Responsible (Health) Authorities and the current co-location arrangements are a small step in that direction.

ANNUAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATE (APC) RENEWAL

Please remember, if you practice after the 31 March without having renewed your APC, you will be practising illegally and in breach of the HPCA Act.

For office expediency staff would appreciate if APC renewal applications are received in **plenty of time well before 31 March** (to ensure last minute applications do not need to be faxed).

If you do not receive your APC renewal application form in the post by mid-February 2013, please download one from the Board's website

<http://www.podiatristsboard.org.nz/Site/applicationforms.aspx>

and complete, sign and post to the Board.

Please remember all paperwork and payments **must be received at the same time**. If you are in the PBRCF 2013 Audit please ensure you send in your logbook with your APC renewal application too.

If you will not be continuing to practice, the Board must be notified in writing, by the return of the non-practising declaration on the APC form.

PBRCF

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

The Board reminds all practitioners to ensure that their two yearly PBRCF requirement to complete a Basic Life Support course is maintained.

PODIATRIC SURGERY

The Board has continued work this year on introducing further competence requirements for those registered in the further scope of practice of podiatric surgery. A Stakeholders Forum was held in September and further consultation is underway with the intention of introducing further CME requirements for podiatric surgeons in April 2013.

AUDIT 2013

Those practitioners in the 2013 Audit have already been notified.

Practitioners in the Audit who do not provide their logbooks with APC renewal applications before the end of March will not automatically be granted an APC and conditions may be applied.

The Board encourages all practitioners, and especially those in the coming Audit, to keep their logbooks up to date.

Remember your signed APC applications each year include acknowledgement that you, as a practitioner, are participating in the PBRCF and fulfilling its requirements.

AUT

The Board usually conducts informal collegial audit visits to AUT annually however this year AUT went through a full accreditation process undertaken by ANZPAC (Australian and NZ Podiatry Accreditation Council). It understands that the results were very pleasing.

The Board continues to enjoy a good working relationship with both AUT and PNZ and representatives from these key stakeholders are regular guests at Board meetings.

PODIATRY BOARD OF AUSTRALIA

The Board has developed a relationship with its Australian counterpart and both Boards are working together collegially on a number of projects. The Board hosted representatives from the PBA in July this year and was very pleased with the progress made in a number of areas.

UPDATE REGISTER

The HPCA Act requires that you notify the Board of any address change within one month. Please also advise us of any email and phone number changes as well.

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