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PODIATRISTS BOARD NEWSLETTER

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BOARD MEETINGS WERE HELD ON 9 & 10 MAY

A number of decisions were ratified including the:

- **Introduction of proposed new fees**
- **New process for qualification and skills assessment of overseas qualified registration applicants**
- **Further recertification requirements for those with the scope of practice of podiatric surgery**

PROPOSED FEES:

- **Disciplinary Levy (\$195 incl gst)**
- **Non-practising Maintenance Fee (\$100 incl gst)**
- **Recertification fee for further scopes of practice in:**
 - **Podiatric Surgery (\$175 incl gst)**
 - **Podiatric Radiographic Imagery (\$20 incl gst)**

Consultation will take place in the coming months on the proposed introduction of these new fees, to be introduced for the next re-certification round at the end of March 2014.

The Board has not previously charged a disciplinary levy as most other authorities have done, in order to keep costs at a minimum for its practitioners. It now however finds it can no longer absorb these costs and with further potential expense in this area expected this year, it intends to introduce a disciplinary levy that will be due for payment at the same time as annual practising certificate (APC) renewal fees. All podiatrists on the Register, both active and inactive, will be required to pay this disciplinary levy.

REGISTRATION:

Overseas trained registration applications

Qualification and Skills Assessments for those wishing to apply for registration in New Zealand, will now be undertaken by **ANZPAC** (Australian and NZ Podiatry Accreditation Council) on behalf of the Board.

The Board now requires a Qualification and Skills Assessment letter from ANZPAC as part of the registration application documentation.

PODIATRIC SURGERY:

Further Recertification Requirements:

- Advanced Life Support (4 hours minimum biennially)
- Advance Wound Care (5 hours minimum annually)
- 2 case studies: Board templates to be used (annually)
- CQI evidence: surgical practice audit (annually)

Podiatric Surgeons have been advised of these new requirements and will receive further documentation on this shortly.

NEW BOARD APPOINTMENTS

The Board looks forward to announcing its two new Board members in June, when the appointments have been confirmed by the Minister of Health.

SECRETARIAT

The HWFNZ proposal for a single administrative secretariat for all 16 Responsible Health Authorities, a Shared Services Organisation (SSO), is still being assessed and it is anticipated that the professions will be consulted later in the year.

UPDATE REGISTER

The Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (HPCAA) requires that you **notify the Board of any address change** within one month. This is important to ensure you do not miss out on any posted information. Please also advise the Board of any email and phone number changes as well.

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