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**THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL
PRACTITIONERS A SAFE AND HAPPY
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR**



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BOARD MEETINGS

Recent meetings were held on 7 and 8 November and the meetings for 2014 will be held on 27 & 28 February, 8 & 9 May, 31 July, 1 August, and 30 & 31 October.

BOARD COMMITTEE WORK

Expressions of interest are sought from experienced podiatrists (7 years or more) to join a pool of practitioners who are available to undertake work for the Board serving on various committees. These would include Competence Review Committees and Professional Conduct Committees (PCCs).

NEW FEES:

A reminder about the Board's new fees that will be introduced from 1 April 2014:

APC fees

Podiatrist	\$817+ (\$175 Disciplinary Levy)	\$992
Podiatrist/Pod surgeon	\$817+ (\$175 DLevy)+ (\$175 Pod Surgery)	\$1,167
Podiatrist/Pod surgeon & PRI	\$817+ (\$175 DLevy)+ (\$175 PS) + (\$20 PRI)	\$1,187
Return to practice (incl 50% of DL) (from 1 January)	\$408+\$87.50	\$495.50
First time registrant/new grad (incl 25% of DL) (from 1 December)	\$204+\$43.75	\$247.75
Renew APC if after 31 March (and held previous year)	\$920+\$175 (DL)	\$1,167
Renew APC & Pod Surgery (after 31 March)	\$920+\$175+\$175	\$1,270
Renew APC & PS & PRI (after 31 March)	\$920+\$175+\$20+\$175	\$1,290

Inactive Maintenance fee

Inactive Maintenance (\$85) + Disciplinary levy (\$175) \$260

The Board will reassess the Disciplinary Levy Reserve Fund in two years, and if appropriate may reduce the levy and remove it in the following year if possible.

Competence Review Fee

The Board will also shortly be consulting on introducing a new fee under section 130(1)(i) of the HPCA Act for practitioners undergoing a Competence Review, to enable the Board to recover costs incurred.

PODIATRIC SURGERY:

A further reminder to podiatric surgeons of the Board's further recertification requirements for 2014.

- **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)**

EVIDENCE IS TO BE ATTACHED TO APC RENEWAL APPLICATIONS

PRACTISING WITHOUT AN ANNUAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATE (APC)

This is a reminder for practitioners who do not hold an APC that should an opportunity arise for you to practice for a brief, perhaps unexpected period of time, you are still required to hold a current APC and would be practising illegally as a podiatrist should you not have this. To save embarrassment please contact the Board should this situation arise.

PODIATRY BOARD OF AUSTRALIA (PBA) & ANZPAC (Australia & NZ Podiatry Accreditation Council)

The Board values its relationship with the PBA and a major piece of work next year will be to align its recertification requirements with the Australian model, to enable and improve ease of trans-Tasman movement for podiatrists. Representatives of the Board hold regular annual meetings with representatives of the PBA and the Board looks forward to hosting the PBA next year.

The Board also values its membership in ANZPAC and looks forward to further engagement with them beyond their current qualification and skills assessments of overseas trained podiatry and podiatric surgery registration applicants for the Board.

PODIATRY NEW ZEALAND

The Board continues to liaise and work with Podiatry NZ and regular meetings are held with representatives from PNZ both with the Board's Executive Committee and at Board meetings from time to time during the year.

SECRETARIAT

Moves towards a full Shared Secretariat Organisation for all or most of the Responsible Authorities (RAs) have now slowed however there is a major project underway for all RAs to reduce the number of databases used.

Currently there are approximately 11 different databases used within the 16 RAs.

For interest, the Responsible Authorities governed by the HPCA Act are:

- Podiatrists Board (the smallest with 325 practitioners)
- Nursing Council (the largest with 50,000 practitioners)
- Medical Council
- Dental Council
- Pharmacy Council
- Physiotherapy Board
- Occupational Therapy Board
- Psychologists Board
- Midwifery Council
- Medical Sciences Council
- Medical Radiation Therapy Board
- Optometrists & Dispensing Opticians Board
- Chiropractic Board
- Osteopathic Council
- Dietitians Board
- Psychotherapy Board

The goal is for all RAs to move to just two databases within 3 years and one database within a further 5 years or so.

This directive from HRANZ (Health Regulatory Authorities of New Zealand) is a major step towards ultimately further sharing of RA processes, which is a goal that Health Workforce NZ still holds.

VULNERABLE CHILDRENS BILL/ CHILDRENS ACTION PLAN

The Ministry of Health is playing a key role in implementing this and further work is still to be completed. It will impact on all practitioners who will be required to provide police checks not only at the time of registration but periodically at the time of re-certification as part of the APC renewal process. Further information will be provided as the Board is advised by the Ministry. Information about this initiative is available at <http://www.childrensactionplan.govt.nz/>

DEATH NOTICES

The Board would like to express its condolences to the families of the following practitioners who have passed away recently:

- Lesley James Martin Jonsson
- Olga Joyce Hope
- Joyce McKenzie Dolan

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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