



Te Poari Tiaki Waewae O Aotearoa

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**THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU ALL THE BEST FOR
2016**

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SECRETARIAT: WE ARE MOVING

The Board office will be moving on **19 February** as it has entered into a Corporate Services agreement with the Nursing Council, along with a number of other Boards.

The new address will be Level 5, 22 Willeston Street, Wellington 6011

From **1 April** the Board will also have a new PO Box number.

The new box number will be PO Box 9644, Wellington 6141

(The old PO Box number will still be valid for a further 2 months)

The Board will be co-locating with the Midwifery Council, Psychology Board, Occupational Therapy Board, Osteopathic Council, Psychotherapy Board, Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board, Dietitians Board and Chiropractic Board as well as the Nursing Council.

BOARD MEETINGS AND MEMBERSHIP

The Board last met on 9 & 10 December 2015.

Board meetings for 2016 are planned for: 25 & 26 February, 2 & 3 June, 18 & 19 August and 3 & 4 November.

There are two practitioner and two lay positions coming up for appointment or reappointment in June 2016.

These positions will be advertised around mid-February on the Ministry of Health website at the following link.

<http://www.health.govt.nz/new-zealand-health-system/key-health-sector-organisations-and-people/appointments-health-statutory-bodies/vacancies-health-statutory-bodies>

Candidates who wish to put their name forward for appointment will need to apply using the Ministry's online recruitment tool (which will be linked via the advertisement).

ON-LINE APC RENEWALS FOR 2016 / 2017

The online APC application function will become available again in late February through to mid- April 2016.

Important reminders

- If you did not apply online last year, please ensure you activate your account first, **before** you sign into your profile.
- We have been advised that the functionality of the online payment will be improved (especially for bank transfer payments) if you use an up to date browser. If you haven't already done so recently, please download the latest version of your internet explorer, or you may wish to use Chrome or Firefox.
- Please note for online APC renewals, on completion of your answers and payment, you should immediately receive an email with your APC and receipt attached as a pdf document. If you don't, please advise the Registrar.
- An email reminder will be sent in late February and the 2016/17 APC form will also be available on the website as well, for those who choose not to apply on line.
- Please note printed APCs are no longer posted out.

LATE APC RENEWAL APPLICANTS TO BE IN FOLLOWING YEAR'S PBRCF AUDIT

A further reminder, all practitioners (who held a 2015/2016 APC) and who submit late APC renewal applications (after 31 March each year), will now be included in the following year's PBRCF Audit. The Board hopes this will motivate some practitioners to renew their APCs in time before their current APC expires on 31 March.

IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE

The online functionality remains active through the year for practitioners to login, (activate your account if you have not already done so), and update your address, email and phone contact details.

It is preferred that you update your own details yourself online this way rather than advising the Board directly.

It is also important to keep your contact details up to date as your email address is linked to your on line identity with the Board, and is used for your APC reminder email in February and your attached APC document when you renew it online.

Your postal address also needs to be up to date as the Board writes to practitioners regarding their practising status if they have not renewed their APC.

INACTIVE MAINTENANCE FEE OR REMOVAL FROM REGISTER

This fee is required for all registrants without an APC, who wish to remain on the Register. If this is not paid the Board will write to you advising that you will be removed from the Register if the Board has not heard from you for a period of 6 and a half months.

A second letter will be posted 6 months after the first and then section 144 of the HPCA Act allows the Board to remove a registrant after 10 days have elapsed since the posting of the second letter.

This highlights the importance of keeping your postal address up to date with the Board.

PBRCF & AUDIT

Practitioners in the 2016 Audit have been advised and logbooks received. These practitioners will now be able to renew their APCs online this year if they wish. Only those for whom we have not received logbooks will be blocked.

- The Board wishes to stress the importance of keeping up with PBRCF credits especially in the area of CCME. Don't leave this until the last minute and only when your name has been called for Audit.
- The CCME requirement for competence in Wound Management and Infection Control applies to all practitioners, regardless of whether your practice is within only the biomechanical area or not.
- Remember you are agreeing to engage with the PBRCF programme each year when you sign off on your APC application.
- The Board will no longer be allowing extension requests for further time for PBRCF Audits
- The PBRCF and logbook will be condensed and further simplified in the next few months

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT Requirement for PBRCF

The Board now requires all practitioners to ensure that Anaphylaxis training is included in your refresher course.

Please remember to renew your certificates every 2 years to ensure you are always holding a current one.

BOARD WORKFORCE INFORMATION 2015

You may be interested to read the results of the Board workforce survey data, taken from the questionnaire included in the APC application form for 2015.

Current Podiatrists with Post Graduate Qualifications

Count	Post Graduate	Multiple responses
48	Post graduate diploma	13.4%
35	Bachelors Honours	9.8%
23	Post graduate certificate	6.4%
19	Currently enrolled in post graduate studies	5.3%
15	Masters	4.2%
4	Doctorate	1.1%
192	Nil	53.8%
49	Blank - No response	13.7%
385 Total count		

Current Practitioners who have Podiatry NZ membership

Count	Podiatry NZ	
221	Yes	61.9%
129	No	36.1%
7	Blank - No response	2.0%
357 Total count		100.0%

Current Practitioners with Insurance Cover

Count	Has Insurance	
109	Yes	30.5%
57	No	16.0%
191	Blank - No response	53.5%
357 Total count		100.0%

Current Practitioners who have membership with other podiatry related groups
 (“Are you a member of any other podiatry related professional group?”)

Count	Other groups	Multiple responses
170	Nil	47.6%
68	NZ Wound Care Society	19.0%
35	NZ Society for Study of Diabetes (Podiatrists Special Interest Group)	9.8%
14	Sports Medicine New Zealand	3.9%
13	The Society of Chiropractors and Podiatrists	3.6%
6	British Chiropody and Podiatry Association	1.7%
3	Bartold Biomechanics	0.8%
27	Other Groups	7.6%
63	Blank - No response	17.6%
399	Total count	

Current Practitioners with participation in peer support or supervision

Count	Peer Support	Multiple responses
210	Regular podiatry based meetings (branch/regional/national)	58.8%
87	Podiatry student placements (last 12 months)	24.4%
72	Formal supervision (clinical/cultural)	20.2%
60	Formal clinical peer reviews	16.8%
39	Other:	10.9%
49	Nil	13.7%
27	Blank - No response	7.6%
544	Total count	

Current Practitioners' Employment Type

Count	Employment Type	
127	Self employed	35.6%
80	Full time employee	22.4%
62	Business owner / director	17.4%
34	Part time employee	9.5%
7	Also self employed	2.0%
20	Other	5.6%
27	Blank - No response	7.6%
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357	Total count	100.0%

Current Practitioners' Weeks worked per annum in last 12 months

Count	Working Weeks per annum	
26	Blank - No response	7.3%
12	Nil (Not working?)	3.4%
6	1 to 5 weeks	1.7%
11	6 to 10 weeks	3.1%
9	11 to 15 weeks	2.5%
14	16 to 20 weeks	3.9%
1	21 to 25 weeks	0.3%
10	26 to 30 weeks	2.8%
4	31 to 35 weeks	1.1%
30	36 to 40 weeks	8.4%
42	41 to 45 weeks	11.8%
22	46 weeks	6.2%
15	47 weeks	4.2%
59	48 weeks	16.5%
20	49 weeks	5.6%
35	50 weeks	9.8%
41	51 to 52 weeks	11.5%
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357	Total count	100.0%

Current Practitioners' Hours worked per week in last 12 months

Count	Hours per Week	
22	10 hours or less per week	6.2%
50	11 to 20 hours per week	14.0%
58	21 to 30 hours per week	16.2%
126	31 to 40 hours per week	35.3%
77	Over 40 hours per week	21.6%
24	Blank - No response	6.7%
357	Total count	100.0%

Current Practitioners' Main Workplace Setting

Count	Setting	
253	Private Practice	70.9%
25	DHB - Hospital	7.0%
18	Private Hospital / Rest Home	5.0%
10	University	2.8%
28	Other	7.8%
23	Blank - No response	6.4%
357	Total Count	100.0%

Current Practitioners' Work Type in Main Employment Setting

Count	Work Type	Multiple responses
280	General podiatry	78.4%
180	Diabetes podiatry	50.4%
153	Sports medicine	42.9%
71	Surgery	19.9%
57	Management	16.0%
23	Teaching	6.4%
6	Technical representative	1.7%
15	Other Work Types	4.2%
23	Blank - Nil response	6.4%
808	Total count of work types	

**Current practitioners' Intention to Continue to Practice Podiatry
("How long do you intend to continue to practice podiatry in NZ?")**

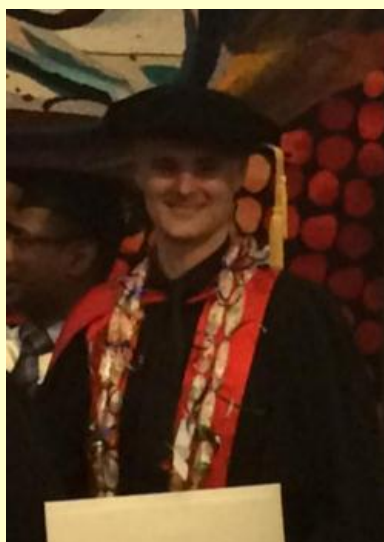
Count	Further Practising Years	
24	less than 5 years?	6.7%
61	over 5 years but less than 10 years?	17.1%
176	over 10 years?	49.3%
83	Unsure	23.2%
13	Blank - Nil response	3.6%
357	Total Count	100.0%

UPDATED REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS DOCUMENT

Please note the Board's [Registration Requirements: Australia & New Zealand Podiatry Competency Standards](#) document has been updated in alignment with the Australian document, written by ANZPAC (Australia and New Zealand Podiatry Accreditation Council.)

CONGRATULATIONS

The Board would like to congratulate one of its members and Head of School of Podiatry at AUT, Dr Matthew Carroll, on his recent graduation from AUT with a PhD in Podiatry.



UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO SURVEY

Hamish Louis a medical student at the University of Otago (summer studentship project under the supervision of Dr K De Ridder, paediatric orthopaedic surgeon at CCDHB) is currently studying the management of idiopathic toe-walking. He would like to ascertain the views of NZ podiatrists regarding this condition.

Interested practitioners can take part in this online survey if they wish (which we have been advised will take less than 5 minutes), on this link:

https://otago.asia.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_1FdxIVtNiK0aZXT

CONTACT WITH THE BOARD

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This phone number will remain the same

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