

Podiatrists Scope of Practice Notice 2010

Pursuant to sections 11(1) and 12(1) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (“the Act”), the following notice is given.

Notice

1. Title and commencement—(1) This notice may be cited as the Podiatrists Scope of Practice Notice 2010 and should be read in conjunction with the notice published in a Supplement to the *New Zealand Gazette*, 15 September 2004, No. 120, page 2974.

(2) This notice comes into force on **12 August 2010**.

2. Scope of practice—Pursuant to section 11(1) of the Act, the board specifies additional wording to the definition of the scope of practice of Podiatric Surgeon (“The Podiatrists Board does not approve of any Podiatric Surgeon performing any procedure beyond their competence, training and qualifications”) defined in Schedule A.

3. Scope of practice qualification—Pursuant to section 12(1) of the Act, the board specifies the qualifications required for the Scope of Practice of Podiatrist be adjusted to add a further qualification as defined in Schedule B.

Schedule A

A. Scope of Practice of Podiatric Surgeon

A registered primary health care practitioner who holds the scope of practice of podiatrist and is further qualified to perform foot surgery by way of sharp toe nail wedge resection; surgical correction of lesser digital deformities affecting the phalanges, metatarsals and associated structures; surgical corrections of deformities affecting the first toe, first metatarsal and associated structures; surgical correction of osseous deformities of the metatarsus, mid-tarsus, rearfoot and associated structures; surgical correction and removal of pathological subcutaneous structures such as tendinous and nervous tissues and other connective soft tissue masses of the foot. (**The Podiatrists Board does not approve of any Podiatric Surgeon performing any procedure beyond their competence, training and qualifications**):

Qualification

A Post Graduate qualification in Podiatric Surgery as determined by the Podiatrists Board or equivalent overseas qualification.

Schedule B

B. Scope of Practice of Podiatrist Qualification

Qualification

A Bachelor of Health Science in Podiatry from an accredited New Zealand University **or a National Diploma in Podiatry or Chiropody from the Central Institute of Technology** or equivalent overseas qualification as determined by the Podiatrists Board.

Dated at Wellington this 11th day of August 2010.

ANNABEL WHINAM, Registrar, Podiatrists Board.

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