



The ePodNewsletter

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Tēnā koutou katoa. Greetings and welcome to the Board's latest Newsletter.

Annual Report

The Boards Annual Report for 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025 has been presented to the Minister of Health, as required under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, and is available for everyone to read on our website [here](#).

Prescribing Update

Many thanks to all of you who sent in feedback for the Board's recent Consultation: Podiatrist Prescriber Scope of Practice and all submissions were considered by the Board at the 13-14 November Board meeting.

The next steps involve the Board issuing another consultation on the accreditation standards for the proposed prescribing programme and share them with the first course provider – Auckland University of Technology (AUT) to commence work on the prescribing programme development. We will also be publishing the podiatrist prescriber scope of practice, education requirements and fees in the NZ Gazette, as part of the required process for secondary legislation.

We have a hui planned for the 15 December with Podiatry NZ and AUT to discuss all details of the Boards Strategic Education and Regulatory Plan for the implementation of designated

prescribing for podiatrists, in support of ensuring a collaborative, efficient and safe approach for the implementation of this programme.

Corporate Challenge Wellington

It was great to see so many of the Podiatrists Board members participate in the Corporate Challenge Wellington 5K event on 12th November for a fun-filled night of team building, fitness and friendly competition. Nestled between Te Papa and Chaffers Dock, right in the centre of the city, the event HQ at Waitangi Park unlocks the gorgeous Wellington waterfront and the course takes in all the sights as it follows the wide public esplanade around the harbour. Views forever and usually (always) a decent wind to chase you to the finish line.

It was a great turn out from the Board, many of whom had just flown in for the scheduled Board meeting the next day and they competed alongside many of the other health responsible authorities in the “Speedy Regulators” team.



Continues Professional Development (CPD) Recertification Programme - Audit

We are fast approaching the end of the current 2-year CPD cycle which covers the period 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2025. This is a timely reminder to ensure you have completed all CPD, as the CPD audit of up to 20% of APC holders is scheduled for the beginning of 2026. As an advisory, the Boards practitioner database (Ners) automatically selects podiatrists for the audit who have not uploaded any CPD to their practitioner portals. So, you of course

significantly reduce the chances of being selected for the audit if you have uploaded the required CPD to your practitioner portal.

The Board will issue letters notifying practitioners that they have been selected for the CPD audit on 2 February 2026, which will outline the audit process and required next steps if CPD has not been completed.

The Board's CPD Recertification Policy and all supporting documents are available on our website [here](#).

Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Recertification Policy – additional requirements for podiatric surgeons

The Board are in the process of reviewing the CPD requirements for podiatric surgeons, so just a reminder that submissions for this consultation close on 15 December. The full consultation document can be accessed on our website [here](#).

Christmas Holidays

Our office will be closed from 22 December 2025 to 12 January 2026.