



Podiatrists Board of New Zealand

Te Poari Tiaki Waewae O Aotearoa

Consultation: Accreditation Standards - for Aotearoa New Zealand training providers of podiatry prescribing qualifications

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Submission closing date: 7 April 2026



1. Executive Summary

The Podiatrists Board of New Zealand | Te Poari Tiaki Waewae o Aotearoa (**the Board**) is seeking your feedback on the [Accreditation Standards - for Aotearoa New Zealand training providers of podiatry prescribing qualifications](#).

2. Our Role

The Podiatrists Board is one of 18 responsible authorities in Aotearoa New Zealand and the functions of each authority appointed in respect of a health profession are outlined in [section 118](#) of the [Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act \(HPCAA\) 2003](#).

The Board is required by [Section 118\(a\) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003](#) to *'prescribe the qualifications required for scopes of practice within the profession, and, for that purpose, to accredit and monitor educational institutions and degrees, courses of studies, or programmes'*

3. Secondary Legislation

Following an application from the Board for designated prescribing for podiatrists, the Ministry of Health | Manatū Hauora gave notice on 14 April 2025 of the secondary legislation for [Medicines \(Designated Prescriber – Podiatrists\) Regulations 2025](#), under [section 105 of the Medicines Act 1981](#).

On 15 May 2025, the Director-General of Health approved the [Specified Prescription Medicines for the purposes of the Medicines \(Designated Podiatrist Prescriber\) Regulations 2025](#), pursuant to section 105(5A) of the Medicines Act 1981.

This consultation provides all stakeholders with an opportunity to make submissions. We value all feedback which will be carefully considered by the Board before final decisions are made. If you would like to make a submission, please send it directly to registrar@podiatristsboard.org.nz by **5pm Tuesday 7 April 2026**.

If you have any further questions about this consultation, please don't hesitate to contact us at registrar@podiatristsboard.org.nz

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