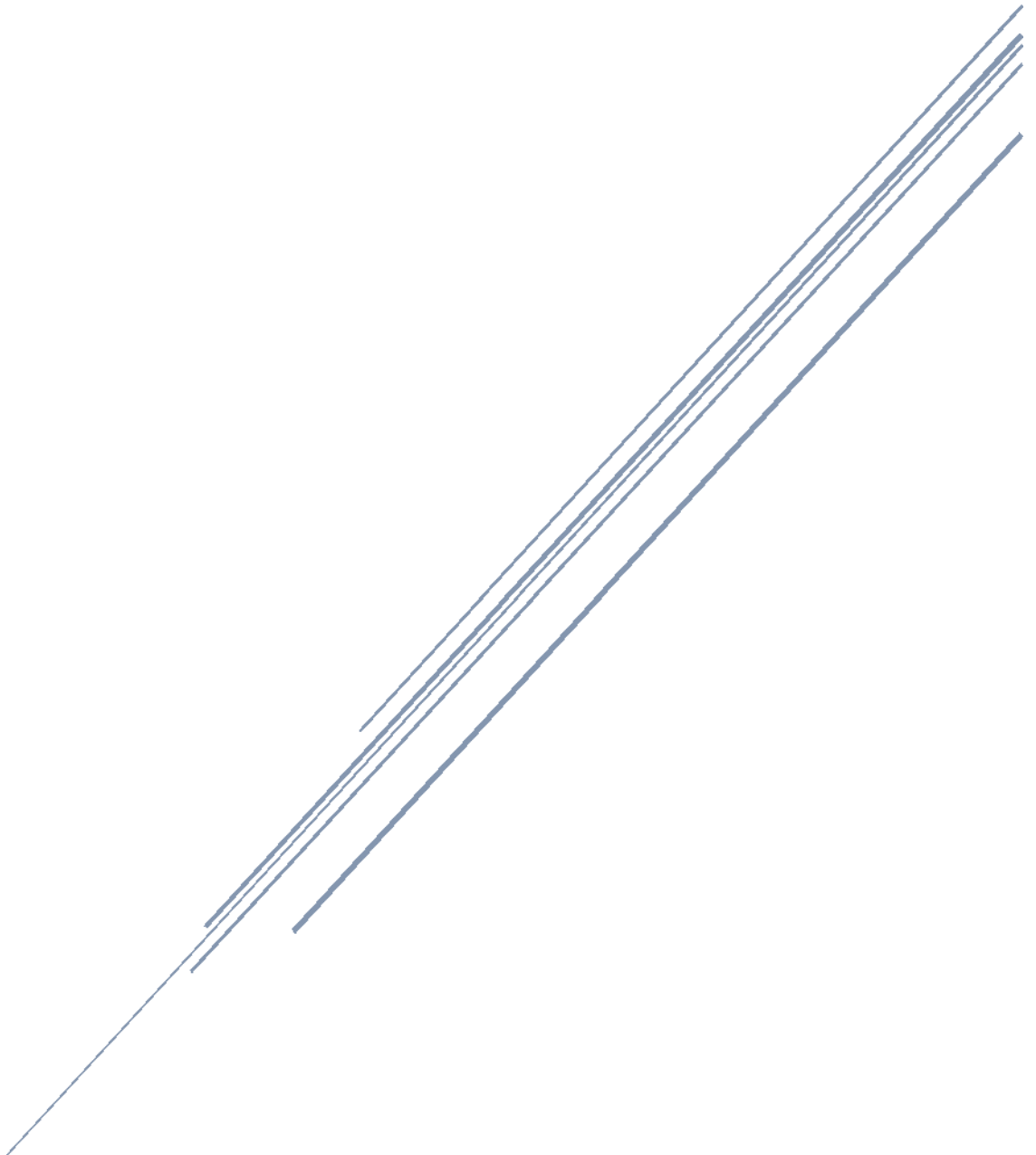


Continuing Professional Development Exemption Policy



Exemptions

- 1.1. Under section 41(5) of the Act, the Board may exempt any practitioner, or class of practitioner, from all or any of the requirements of a recertification programme. The Board has exempted all registered podiatrists who do not hold a current practising certificate (non-practising podiatrists) from all requirements of the CPD recertification programme.
- 1.2. Despite this exemption, the Board strongly recommends that non-practising podiatrists intending to return to practice continue to participate in the CPD recertification programme, and notes that maintenance of the required standard of competence will be relevant to the Board's consideration of any future application for a practising certificate.
- 1.3. There is no exemption or reduction in requirements for podiatrists in part-time practice. All practising podiatrists must meet the required standard of competence, regardless of the number of hours they work.
- 1.4. The Board may consider individual applications from practising podiatrists for exemption from some or all requirements of the CPD recertification programme, where the applicant can provide evidence of extenuating circumstances limiting the applicant's ability to meet requirements.
- 1.5. Exemptions are likely to be granted only in exceptional circumstances and are highly unlikely to be granted retrospectively. The Board strongly recommends that any application for exemption is made as soon as the individual becomes aware that they may have difficulty meeting requirements.