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BOARD MEETINGS

The Board met on 8 and 9 May and further 2014 meetings are to be held on 31 July, 1 August, and 30 & 31 October.

INACTIVE MAINTENANCE FEE

This new fee is now required from all registrants who do **not** hold a current APC but who wish to remain on the Register as non-practising.

This fee is made up of the Inactive Maintenance portion (\$85.00) and the new Disciplinary Levy (\$175.00) which totals \$260.00.

If you have advised the Board that you wish to remain on the Register without an APC and still not yet paid this Inactive Maintenance fee, please complete and return the “**Application to Remain on the Register as Non-Practising** or to Cancel Registration” form 2014/2015 available on the Board’s website page here at <http://most0010196.e-xpert.co.nz/Site/applicationforms.aspx>. The form is in the lower section of that page.

If you do not wish to pay this fee to remain on the Register please complete the latter section of this form requesting removal from the Register or contact the Registrar with your request.

Please note, should you wish to practice again in NZ you would be required to re-register. The fee for this is currently \$378 and so for those of you who do not intend to practice in NZ for more than 2 years this would be a cheaper option than the annual \$260 inactive maintenance fee.

It is for registrants to make their own decision whether they wish to remain on (and pay the required fee) or be removed from the Register. Whatever is decided, the Board needs to be advised.

PRACTISING WITHOUT AN ANNUAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATE (APC)

The Board reminds all registrants that it is essential that they hold a current APC before they commence practice and under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, it is illegal to practice without one.

The Board has had 1 very recent Professional Conduct Committee (PCC) case regarding this issue and the HPCA Act required the PCC to recommend to the Board that this case be heard by the Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal (HPDT). This hearing has now taken place and the Board is awaiting publication of the Tribunals’ final report. This should reflect the seriousness with which practising without an APC is taken by the Board and HPDT.

This is also a reminder for those registrants who do not hold an APC that should an unexpected opportunity arise for you to practice for a very brief period of time, you are still required to hold a current APC regardless, and would be practising illegally should you not have this. To save embarrassment please contact the Board should this situation arise.

PBRCF AUDITS: NEW SELECTION POLICY

Practitioners are advised that a new policy now requires that all renewal applications for Annual Practising Certificates that are received by the Board **after 31 March** (where the practitioner has held an APC the preceding year) will result in that practitioner’s name being included in the following year’s PBRCF Audit process.

PBRCF AUDIT LOGBOOKS RETURNS

This is a reminder for those practitioners who have been audited in the past 3 years who have not provided a self-addressed courier bag in which to return their logbook, it is not too late to do so. The Board is currently holding on to a number of logbooks that have not been returned to practitioners, but will not be able to continue to do so for a greater period than a 3 year backlog.

PODIATRY BOARD OF AUSTRALIA (PBA)

The Board looks forward to hosting the representatives of PBA at its meeting in the afternoon of 30 October 2014.

ANZPAC (Australia & NZ Podiatry Accreditation Council)

The Board values its membership in ANZPAC and is pleased with the current arrangements with ANZPAC providing qualification and skills assessments of overseas trained podiatry and podiatric surgery registration applicants for the Board.

ANZPAC are currently undertaking a consultation process and the Board is happy to include their information in this Newsletter.

Review of Entry-Level Accreditation Standards and Competency Standards for the Podiatry Profession.

Have your say on education and practice standards for the podiatry profession.

The Australian and New Zealand Podiatry Accreditation Council (ANZPAC) have commenced their scheduled review of the Accreditation Standards for Podiatry Programs for Australia and New Zealand and the Podiatry Competency Standards for Australia and New Zealand.

ANZPAC is the independent accreditation authority assigned under the National Law by the Podiatry Board of Australia to undertake the accreditation of podiatry programs in Australia, amongst other functions. ANZPAC is also responsible for the accreditation of podiatry programs in New Zealand under agreement with the Podiatrists Board of New Zealand (PBNZ).

Entry-level podiatry programs are accredited using the entry-level program accreditation standards, which specify the criteria against which podiatry programs are evaluated. The ANZPAC podiatry competency standards are used for a range of purposes, including program accreditation, and describe the professional attributes and core competencies of entry-level podiatrists.

This review is being conducted to ensure that both sets of standards continue to represent contemporary best practice, benchmark well against other health profession standards nationally and internationally and remain relevant and effective over time.

Throughout the review, ANZPAC is seeking to undertake wide-ranging consultation and invites comment from all interested parties including registered podiatrists. Details on the review are available from the ANZPAC standards review webpage along with an initial consultation survey where you can tell us your views on a range of important issues relating to these standards.

Please go to http://www.anzpac.org.au/standards_review.html to find out more, your participation is valued.

PodiatryNZ

PodiatryNZ runs a number of courses and activities throughout the year that are eligible for PBRCF credits. Please refer to their website <https://www.podiatry.org.nz/> for information on their current courses.

Some representatives from PodiatryNZ were guests at the Board's 8 May meeting, and the Board welcomes the open discussion opportunities at these times and is pleased with the continued good relationship it has with its professional association.

To avoid confusion among the profession, please be aware that PodiatryNZ now operates with a Board and Chair, not to be confused with this Board, the Podiatrists Board of NZ that also has a Chair and Deputy Chair, and is regulated by the HPCA Act 2003 with all board members appointed by the Minister of Health.

The Podiatrists Board's ambit is to "protect the health and safety of members of the public by providing for mechanisms to ensure that health practitioners are competent and fit to practice their profession".

PodiatryNZ's role is "to advance the quality of and access to podiatry in New Zealand".

Correction: The Board wishes to note an error in its last Newsletter regarding the following statement:

"There have been some concerns received by the Board regarding a PNZ initiative on diabetes contracts with some DHBs. This has involved further fees payable by practitioners to PNZ.

Please note this is not a Board project and any queries about this initiative and any further plans for this should be directed to PNZ."

PodiatryNZ advise there are **no further fees** incurred by practitioners as a result of this initiative and the Board apologises for any misunderstandings as a result of that misinformation.

AUT

The Head of School of Podiatry is regularly invited as a guest at Board meetings, generally on an annual basis, and he was welcomed at the 8 May Board meeting. The Board values the opportunity for an update and discussions with the representative of the sole podiatric education provider for New Zealand.

SECRETARIAT

The Board continues to be pleased with the office support provided by the Occupational Therapy Board secretariat and a number of their staff assist the Board with work in various areas.

The Board's office is co-located not only with the Occupational Therapy Board and its other "cluster" Boards, the Osteopathic Council and Psychotherapy Board, but also the Dental Council, Physiotherapy Board, Medical Sciences Council and Medical Radiation Technologists Board.

HRANZ

Health Regulatory Authorities of NZ meetings continue regularly throughout the year, both at the strategic level and operational level. This contact with other RAs provides a valuable relationship that fosters co-operation and a sharing of processes, policies and expertise through discussions at the meetings at both levels.

This year HRANZ held its inaugural conference on 28 May with more than 200 delegates, 13 speakers, 6 workshops and a discussion panel.

BOARD COMMITTEE WORK

Expressions of interest are sought from experienced podiatrists (7 years or more) to join a pool of practitioners who are available to undertake work for the Board serving on various committees. These would include Competence Review Committees and Professional Conduct Committees (PCCs).

DEATH NOTICES

The Board would like to express its condolences to the family of the following practitioner who has passed away recently:

- Terence Frederick Roy Archer

UPDATE REGISTER

The Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (HPCAA) requires that you **notify the Board of any address change within one month.**

This is important to ensure you do not miss out on any posted information. Please also advise the Board of any email and phone number changes as well.

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