



December 2016

THE BOARD WOULD LIKE TO WISH
YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY
NEW YEAR & SAFE HOLIDAYS



BOARD MEETINGS

The Board met on 3 & 4 November and meetings for 2017 are planned for 23 & 24 February, 25 & 26 May, 24 & 25 August and 18 & 17 November.

BOARD OFFICE NOW REOPENED

The Board is pleased to advise that the office which is in the heart of the Wellington CBD was reopened two weeks after the 7.8 earthquake of 14 November.

There was a delay in receiving the engineer's reports and the offices for the Board (which includes the Nursing Council and 8 other health regulatory authorities) was closed until the reports deemed the office safe to return to work.

Work was able to continue throughout this period without too much disruption with staff using remote access however there was some delay with the mail which will affect mainly new graduate registration applications and PBRCF Audit logbooks arriving during this period. NZ Post has now located where this was being held and the backlog has now been cleared.

ANNUAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATE (APC) RENEWAL OR NON-PRACTISING STATUS APPLICATION

The Board would like to remind all practitioners that all APC renewals and Inactive Maintenance fees (to remain on the Register as non-practising) must be received by **31 March 2017** at the very latest.

On line applications will be available again from 1 March 2017 and the Board highly recommends that you apply well before 31 March in case of any unexpected technical issues that may require an application form to be sent instead.

NEW CPD FRAMEWORK TO REPLACE THE PBRCF

The Board would like to thank those who provided feedback on the first consultation round. There were 14 responses in total.

A condensed version of this feedback included various comments from some responders who were pleased with the proposed changes and the move from a 4 year to a 2 year cycle, and that the requirements were clearer.

There were some concerns as well however, and the Board is considering this feedback carefully and will make a number of changes to the draft framework as a consequence.

This feedback will be made available shortly. A consultation on the 2nd version of the draft document will be sent out in the new year, with a further opportunity for comment.

ONLINE FUNCTIONALITY FOR CPD

The Board is currently working on the online functionality for practitioners to be able to login and record all of their CPD hours and download documents, which will eliminate the need to send in logbooks at audit time. It is hoped this will be in place later in 2017.

TWO SEPARATE BODIES:

- **PODIATRISTS BOARD OF NZ**
- **PODIATRY NZ**

For a few practitioners there continues to be some confusion between the two completely different organisations.

The **Podiatrists Board** which must function within the terms of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act (HPCAA), exists to protect the health and safety of the public.

Podiatry New Zealand is the professional body and its main function is to look after the interests of the profession and its members, with a voluntary membership.

This link further explains the differences.

[Podiatrists Board and Podiatry NZ comparison](#)

STUDENT PLACEMENTS

Practitioners are again encouraged to consider offering a student placement in their clinic in 2017.

This has proved to be a very successful way of helping the podiatric community by supporting the new generation of podiatrists in their training requirements. It can be a productive and enjoyable experience for practitioners and another avenue from which to gain PBRCF credits. Practitioners who have previously had a student in their clinic have provided positive feedback.

If you could be interested in having a student placement next year please contact AUT.

BOARD GUIDELINES ON THE TREATMENT OF WHANAU/ FAMILY MEMBERS

Please note the Board has recently updated these guidelines

[Board guidelines on Podiatric Treatment of Whanau/Family Members](#)

CONTINUING COMPETENCY REFLECTIVE SELF-ASSESSMENT TOOL

The Board recommends practitioners look at this self-assessment tool (produced by the Podiatry Board of Australia) as they may find this beneficial to their practice of podiatry.

[Reflective Assessment Tool](#)

BASIC LIFE SUPPORT

A reminder that when practitioners renew their Basic Life Support certificate, please ensure that this now also covers **AED and Anaphylaxis** training.

It is important to renew this certificate every 2 years to ensure it is always current.

ACC TO INCREASE CONTRIBUTION TO COST OF TREATMENT

ACC have asked the Board to inform practitioners of new information on the cost of treatment regulations including their new rates. Invoices to ACC need to be changed from 1 December 2016. For any queries please contact ACC directly.

For further information refer to this link.

[ACC Cost of Treatment Regulations 2016](#)

ANNUAL REPORT

The Board's Annual Report, copies of which are provided for the Minister of Health, Legal Deposit Office, Bills Office and various other organisations will be available shortly on the website located here [Annual Reports](#)

PRESCRIBING SURVEY RESULTS

The Board has undertaken a survey in the past few months looking at the appetite of practitioners for prescribing rights for podiatrists. There have been 166 respondents to date and the results are available here.

[Latest survey Results](#)

POSTGRADUATE STUDY

The Board would like to encourage practitioners to consider the benefits and rewards of undertaking further study in the field of podiatry and contact AUT for any information you may feel you need to make such a decision.

NAMES FOR COMMITTEE POOL

Practitioners with 5 or more years experience are invited to offer their name to go into the Board's Committee Pool to serve on a committee from time to time or provide supervision or mentoring for practitioners for whom this is a requirement.

Supervision may be required for a number of reasons, including return to practice after more than 3 years out of practice. The Board has clear guidelines and agreement documentation for the supervisor and supervisee. Please refer to the suite of Supervision documents available on this page [Publications and News](#)

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