

PUBLIC RELEASE

Following the ANZPAC meeting held on Thursday 24 March 2011 in Brisbane, Qld the Board of Management has released the following information:

1. Competency Assessments after absence from Podiatric Practice

The Podiatry Board of Australia (Pod BA) are referring applicants for registration who have been absent from the practice of podiatry for a period of time (determined by the Board) to ANZPAC to undertake a competency assessment.

The Council has agreed that these persons must undertake the Stage 2 Practical Assessment used for persons trained overseas by completing the appropriate application forms and paying the scheduled fee of \$1300.

The Candidate Information handbook is available for downloading from ANZPAC's website under "Overseas Assessment" - "Practising in Australia or NZ".

It is planned to schedule an assessment in the closest participating University within 6-8 weeks from the time of application for assessment avoiding high demand University times.

It was agreed to recommend to the Pod BA that successful completion of Stage 2 would give the applicant the qualification "ANZPAC – Certificate of Completion of Practical Assessment" which could be recognised by the Pod BA for general registration purposes.

2. Accreditation Standards

Following correspondence from the Pod BA, ANZPAC has agreed to include in the Accreditation Standards a statement that -

"Approved Programs of Study must include the Standard Australian Medical Abbreviation set in the relevant teaching materials recommended to students".

It was also agreed that the accreditation standards reflect that a current CPR certificate includes:

- a) Perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation
- b) Management of anaphylaxis
- c) Automated external defibrillation

3. Overseas Assessment Statistics

There has been 29 Stage 1 Assessments undertaken since July 2010

25	United Kingdom
3	Australia
<u>1</u>	New Zealand
29	

24 were found suitable for migration / practise in Australia

4 are in progress

1 was found not suitable (UK)

4. Cultural Competencies

New Zealand members of ANZPAC raised the issue of an assessment of cultural competencies for Australia as presently undertaken in NZ. There was general support for this suggestion. The NZ Podiatrists Board to raise this matter with the Pod BA.

5. Podiatric Surgery Accreditation Standards Project

A consultation paper has been forwarded to all stakeholders and interested groups for comment by 15 May 2011.

The paper can be downloaded from the homepage of ANZPAC's website www.anzpac.org.au

The Pod BA who are providing funds for the project, require a final report and recommendations by 30 June 2011.

6. Endorsement for Scheduled Medicines Project

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7. Mutual Recognition / DEEWR Project

Funding of \$22,550 (inc GST) has been approved by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations (DEEWR) to fund the first stage of a project to look at mutual recognition of registered podiatrists with accredited qualifications between Australia, United Kingdom and South Africa.

The 3 stage project is as follows –

- a) DeskTop Research – Mapping entry level competencies (Aust, UK and South Africa)
- b) Face to face discussion with persons from UK and South Africa
- c) Formalize agreement by 2013

The first stage must be completed by 15 July 2011.

8. Program Accreditation

The Accreditation Timetable can be downloaded from ANZPAC's website under www.anzpac.org.au/accredtime.htm

ANZPAC has recommended the podiatry programs (B Pod (Pass & Hons)) at the University of SA be granted Full Accreditation whilst addressing some considerations. ANZPAC has given the University of SA 30 days to respond.

The site visit and report of the Assessment Team with respect to the accreditation of the podiatry programs at the University of WA (B Pod Med (Pass & Hons)) has been received by the Accreditation Committee and considered by ANZPAC. The result of the accreditation will be advised after payment of the accreditation fees.

A Self Evaluation report has been received from the LaTrobe University and is being considered by the Assessment Team.

9. Next Meetings

Face to face meetings scheduled to be held in Melbourne on –

Thursday 6 October 2011	– OQAC and Accreditation Committee
Friday 7 October 2011	– ANZPAC Operational and AGM

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5 April 2011