

**AUSTRALIAN AND NEW ZEALAND COUNCIL OF PODIATRY
REGISTRATION BOARDS
ANZCPRB**

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Attention: Practitioner Regulation Subcommittee

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**Consultation Paper
Specialist Arrangements
Close of Submissions Extended until 18 February 2009**

The Australian and New Zealand Council of Podiatry Registration Boards supports the Consultation paper with the following comments:

1. Specialist Endorsements

ANZCPRB supports the specialist title of “podiatric surgeon” however there needs to be flexibility in the new legislation for new specialist titles to be protected.

Where a national Board is proposing to recommend to the Ministerial Council a change to scope of practice or a new specialist endorsement that Board should consult those Boards that may have an interest – not consult with all national Boards.

2. Continuing Competence Requirements

The Podiatrists Registration Board of Victoria requires further clarification and an example of an acceptable model. Specifically, is a standardised framework proposed for recognition of specialist training and maintenance of specialist status?

3. Area of Need Registration

This is not supported. This could lead to serious risk to the health and safety of the public. If a person does not have the appropriate qualifications for registration then they should not be able to practice in that profession.

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Podiatry Board of South Australia
New South Wales Podiatrists Registration Board
Podiatrists Registration Board of Victoria
Tasmanian Podiatrists Board
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