

Snapshot of the public consultation on strengthening the regulation of podiatric surgeons – proposed reforms

Who we are and what we do

The Podiatry Board of Australia (the Board) protects the public by regulating podiatrists and podiatric surgeons. As part of its role, the Board develops standards, codes and guidelines that provide guidance to the profession.

Why we consult

By getting feedback from the public and practitioners on important issues that affect them, we can set standards and guidelines that support practitioners to provide quality care and keep the public safe. Your views, concerns or expectations about our proposals help make the work that we do fit-for-purpose.

What is this public consultation about?

This consultation is about strengthening the regulation of podiatric surgeons following the [Independent review of the regulation of podiatric surgeons](#). The report from the review was published in March 2024 and made 14 recommendations to better protect the public.

What are we consulting on?

We are asking for feedback on the following proposed reforms in response to recommendations 2.a and 2.c from the independent review:

- A proposed change to the *Board's Registration standard: Specialist registration for the podiatry specialty of podiatric surgery* to require podiatric surgeons to hold endorsement for scheduled medicines.
- Proposed draft Guidelines for practitioners undertaking podiatric surgery.

Why is the Board proposing these reforms?

These changes aim to improve the overall safety and quality of care provided by podiatric surgeons and support them to practice safely and effectively.

How does it affect you?

If you are a consumer, these reforms aim to improve the safety and quality of podiatric surgery practice and enhance patient outcomes.

If you are a podiatric surgeon the proposed new guidelines and requirement to hold endorsement for scheduled medicines aim to support safe and quality care across the full spectrum of your practice.

We are inviting responses to specific questions and general comments on these reforms.

Where can you find more information?

There is more information in the consultation paper published on the [Board's consultations webpage](#). The paper includes the background to the independent review and details of the two proposed reforms.

How you can give feedback

You can use the response template to give feedback and email it to podiatryconsultation@ahpra.gov.au.

The consultation closes on **Friday 4 July 2025**.