

Podiatrists Registration Board of Tasmania

Policy for Interviewing Unregistered Persons

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Background

Sections 57-60 of the Podiatrists Registration Act 1995 restricts the practice of podiatry to registered podiatrists and outlines offences in relation to -

- persons not registered practising podiatry
- persons not registered who hold themselves or allow themselves to be held as a registered podiatrist or authorised to practice podiatry.

Activities of persons who are not registered podiatrists are often brought to the attention of the Board. The Board may request that the person identified be interviewed to ascertain if there is a possible breach of the Act. The following guidelines summarises the approach to be adopted by the Board's investigating officers.

- Introduce interviewer(s) and explain reason for the investigation/interview;
- Explain status of the interview and of any information which is obtained through this process;
- Explains the role of the Podiatrists Registration Board and the definition of podiatry;
- Ask the practitioner to explain and demonstrate the work they undertake. Discuss any areas of concern or which require clarification;
- Inspect and assess the premises and equipment being used by the practitioner;
- Where appropriate provide an outline of the results of the interview and identify any issues which the Board will raise formally;
- Outline future processes for considering the issue including Board consideration of the interview/investigation process.

Reporting

The investigating officer(s) should then complete a report of their findings. This may include recommendations for consideration by the Board.

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Chairperson