

# Podiatrists Registration Board of Tasmania

## Registration Policy

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Part 3 of The Podiatrists Registration Act 1995 sets out the requirements for registration as a podiatrist in Tasmania. Sections 20 and 21 outlines the specific requirements as follows:

*20(1) An application is to be-*

- (a) in a form approved by the Board; and*
- (b) lodged with the Registrar; and*
- (c) accompanied by the prescribed application fee and annual registration fee; and*
- (d) accompanied by such information or evidence as the Board requires.*

*21(1) An applicant is entitled to be registered as a podiatrist if the Board is satisfied that the applicant –*

- (a) is eligible to apply for registration; and*
- (b) has sufficient physical capacity, mental capacity and skill to practise podiatry; and*
- (c) is of good fame and character; and*
- (d) has an adequate command of the English language; and*
- (e) is an Australian citizen or resides in a State or Territory of the Commonwealth.*

*21(2) notwithstanding subsection (1), the Board may determine that an applicant is not entitled to be registered if it is not satisfied that the applicant, when practising, will have adequate professional indemnification arrangements.*

The Board recognises the following categories of applicants as eligible to apply.

- are currently registered with another Australian Board who meet the requirements of the Commonwealth Mutual Recognition Act.
- are currently registered with the Podiatrists Registration Board of New Zealand who meet the requirements of the Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Legislation.
- graduates of a current undergraduate course from an Australian University.
- overseas trained podiatrists who meet the requirements of the Australian Podiatry Council.

The Board will only consider applications that are accompanied by all the required documentation and the prescribed fee as detailed on the relevant application form.

Podiatrists who have not actively practised podiatry in the preceding five (5) years must show that they would comply with requirements for entitlement for registration outlined in Section 21 of the Act. All details in the ‘Assessment for Competency to Practice as a Podiatrist’ should be completed and supplementary documentation provided.

The Board discounts the annual registration fee for applicants whose period of registration is less than six months. Applicants whose period of registration is less than three months are required to pay a third of the annual fee. Applicants whose period of registration is between three and six months are required to pay two thirds of the annual fee.

Similar arrangements apply to applicants who apply for registration towards the end of a registration year. Applicants who apply between 1 July and 30 September are required to pay two thirds of the annual fee. Applicants who apply between 1 October and 31 October are required to pay one third of the annual fee.

Podiatrists applying between 1 November and 31 December are required to pay the full annual fee. Their period of registration continues until 31 December the following year provided the Board approves the interim registration.

The Board waives fees in respect of Fellows or Registrars of the Australasian College of Podiatric Surgeons who need to register in order to participate in education and training activities in Tasmania.

Approved

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Chairperson