



Overview - Endorsement for scheduled medicines

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Endorsement for Scheduled Medicines

- The Board has Ministerial approval to endorse the registration of a podiatrist or podiatric surgeon as being qualified to administer, obtain, possess, prescribe, sell, supply or use the scheduled medicines as listed in the *List of Scheduled Medicines Approved by the Podiatry Board of Australia* (the National Podiatry Scheduled Medicines List).
- National Podiatry Scheduled Medicines List is a compilation of the scheduled medicines that were authorised under state and territory drugs and poisons legislation for use by podiatrists and podiatric surgeons.

Scheduled medicines - prior to National Law

- Podiatric surgeons in some jurisdictions had limited prescribing rights
- In one jurisdiction podiatrists and podiatric surgeons were 'authorised' to purchase and use a defined list of Schedule 4 medicines
- In Victoria, podiatrists and podiatric surgeons could have their registration endorsed for scheduled medicines under the *Health Profession Registration Act 2005*

ESM Registration Standard and Guidelines

- Essentially adopted the Victorian model for ESM
- ESM registration standard – requirements for ESM
- Two pathways to ESM
- Guidelines and Information Package provide further information on requirements and application process

Board's requirements

- All applicants are required to complete approved program of study in podiatric therapeutics (undergraduate or post graduate)
- ANZPAC has developed accreditation standard for programs of study in podiatric therapeutics which were approved by the Board in 2012
- Also required to complete a period of post qualification clinical experience
- Clinical component enables consolidation of undergraduate knowledge and broad clinical experience
- Current requirements broadly align with the proposed HPPP

Pathway 1

- Pathway 1 was introduced as a transition pathway and provides a pathway for practitioners who had a history of active participation in prescribing before the commencement of the National Scheme.
- Approved qualification in podiatric therapeutics; plus
- Seven years clinical experience in a setting where active prescribing is occurring; plus
- References from two clinicians (medical practitioner or podiatrist with ESM) confirming exposure to patient care involving scheduled medicines.

Pathway 1 (Cont)

- Very few applications under this pathway and Board considering phasing it out as part of the current review of ESM requirements
- Issues with this pathway – ensuring applicants have had adequate exposure to prescribing the breadth of drugs on the National Podiatry Scheduled Medicines List.

Pathway 2

- Majority of applicants use this pathway
- Approved qualification in podiatric therapeutics achieved within the last 7 years; plus
- 20 hours of board approved web based case studies (equates to 15 Board approved web-based case studies); plus
- 40 sessions of supervised practice with active prescribing in 12 month period
 - equates to 40 log sheets (must be signed off by supervisor)
 - Supervisory agreement
 - Supervisor must be registered medical practitioner or podiatrist with ESM

CPD for podiatrists with ESM

- Podiatrists with ESM must complete an additional 10 hours of CPD per year related to this scope of practice

State and Territory Drugs and Poisons legislation

- Endorsement – **qualified** to administer, obtain, possess, prescribe, sell, supply or use the scheduled medicines as listed in the *List of Scheduled Medicines Approved by the Podiatry Board of Australia* (the National Podiatry Scheduled Medicines List)
- **Authority** – State and territory drugs and poisons legislation
- Currently, WA, NSW; SA; and NT drugs and poisons legislation **authorises** podiatrist with ESM to use and prescribe from National Podiatry Scheduled Medicines List in accordance with the endorsement.
- Victoria – podiatrists and podiatric surgeons whose registration is endorsed can use medicines from a list published in the Government Gazette

Review of board's ESM requirements

- Board is currently reviewing ESM requirements
- Similar model to current Pathway 2 proposed – qualification in podiatric therapeutics plus 12 month period of post graduation clinical experience to gain broad exposure to use of scheduled medicines in clinical setting and consolidate learning
- Applicants will be required to provide evidence of how they meet the NPS competencies
- Proposed model to align with final HPPP