



# COAG Health Council

## Meeting as the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council

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Dear Ms Loughry

Thank you for your letter of 9 May 2013, recommending that the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council (AHWMC) approves the proposed specialist registration standard for the podiatry specialty of podiatric surgery (the specialist registration standard).

Consideration by Health Ministers of this item was delayed as a result of the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council seeking to assess the specialist registration standard utilising the criteria contained within the Ministerial Guidance on specialties recognition.

I am pleased to advise that pursuant to Section 12 of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act*, as in force in each state and territory, the AHWMC decided on 10 October 2014 to approve the proposed specialist registration standard.

In approving the specialist registration standard, Ministers noted advice from the Board that this registration standard will clarify the requirements for podiatrists who seek specialist registration as a podiatric surgeon in Australia.

We trust that communicating the AHWMC's approval will enable the Board to publish the approved registration standard as soon as practicable.

Yours sincerely

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