

Guidelines for the practice of Podiatric Surgery

The Podiatrists Registration Board of Victoria has the power to regulate the practice of podiatry pursuant to Section 12 and Section 62, subsection (1) paragraphs (c, e and f) of the Podiatrists Registration Act 1997.

Under this Act the Board does not restrict podiatrists' scope of practice, however, in the interests of public safety the Board advises it does not regard a podiatrist competent to safely perform reconstructive and or plastic surgical procedures (eg osteectomy, neurectomy, tenotomy) unless the following guidelines have been met.

- . 1. Practitioners must possess, or be eligible for, Fellowship of the Australasian College of Podiatric Surgeons (FACPS). Eligibility for Fellowship may be accepted by the Board following a review of a podiatrist's surgical qualifications and due examination as required by the Panel of Examiners of the Australasian College of Podiatric Surgeons to ensure equivalence with Australian standards in podiatric surgery. Other podiatrists are advised to restrict their scope of surgical practice to those procedures which are components of the undergraduate podiatry curricula within Australian universities.
- . 2. Registrar's (trainees) of the Australasian College of Podiatric Surgeons may undertake such procedures as part of fellowship training but only under the direct supervision of a fellow of the College.
- . 3. Podiatrists with overseas qualifications who believe they should be recognised by the Podiatrists Registration Board of Victoria to perform reconstructive and or plastic surgical procedures (eg osteectomy, neurectomy, tenotomy) must submit themselves for review by the Australasian College of Podiatric Surgeons (the peak professional body for podiatric surgery in Australia).