

**MEETING OF THE OPTOMETRISTS & DISPENSING OPTICIANS BOARD  
HELD VIA ZOOM  
AT 10.00 AM ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL & THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2020**

**Meeting Attendees:**

**Chairperson:** Jayesh Chouhan

**Optometrist Members:** Ross Tayler, Annette Morgan

**Dispensing Optician Members:** Kristine Hammond, Lorraine Helson

**Lay Members:** Irene Durham and Sean McKinley

**Board Staff in attendance:**

**Registrar:** Antony McFelin

**Minute taker:** Lindsey Pine

**Visitors:** Lindsey Pine, Immediate Past Registrar  
Hannah Bakker, Recertification Officer  
Cherie Chu-Fuluifaga, Senior Lecturer, VUW  
Rochelle Van Eysden, NZAO President  
Vineet Chauhan, ADONZ President

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**Scopes of Practice**

The Board reviewed the RANZCO position regarding injectables and found the position very disappointing and a challenging road block, the Board will continue to revisit this and look at options in addressing this access to care issue. The Board continued to look at laser surgery

**Recertification Requirements**

The Board received a paper from CPD Accreditation committee convenors, Annette Morgan and Kristine Hammond on CPD recertification requirements.

After careful consideration, the Board resolved to re-categorise optometrist CPD to 'general' CPD (incl. ethical and cultural), and remove 'CD'. There was also a minor change the post-graduate CPD allocation as well.

**Social Media**

As part of the Boards functions- Section 118 (j) as well as addressing Goal 2 of the strategic plan the Board agreed to explore the use of social media and what types of social media it wants to have. The Board decided to utilise Facebook and LinkedIn.

**Standards of Cultural Competence**

The Board received an update from the Chair on the review of the Board's *Standards of Cultural Competence*. The Chair indicated that the former Registrar and Chair met with Cherie Chu-Fuluifaga shortly after the previous Board meeting. The Board met with Cherie during the meeting and after further discussion agreed for her to lead the review.

**Self-Audit – PSC Referral Process**

The Board received an update from Ross Tayler on the working party's progress towards alternative ways of approaching self-audits for those working in non-traditional roles.

**Proposal for inclusion of CPR requirement**

The Board received a draft consultation document for the proposed CPR requirement to be added to the recertification programme for both professions. After further discussion the Board resolved to accept the consultation document with minor amendments and delay sending it out to consultation until the country goes to COVID-19 Alert Level 2 or 1 (depending on timing) and whether the Alert levels will delay CPR training.

#### **Review of Standards of Ethical Conduct**

The Board resolved to send the revised standards out for public consultation, including the discussion document the country goes to COVID-19 Alert Level 2 or 1 (depending on timing)

#### **Policies for Review and Approval**

The Board received revisions to the *Statement on release and receipt of patient information*. The Board resolved to approve the revisions.

The Board received revisions to the *Terms of Reference* of the CPD Accreditation Committees following the transfer of CPD recording services to the Board. The Board resolved to accept the revisions.

The Board received *Reconsideration of Decisions Policy and Reconsideration of Decisions Process* for review. The Board resolved to adopt this policy and procedure with minor changes.