

Consultation on Podiatry New Zealand Incorporated Rules Changes

June 2025

Background

Members are aware that there is new legislation dictating how a Society such as ours must operate. The existing Act is the Incorporated Societies Act 1908. The new legislation is called the Incorporated Societies Act 2022. All Societies including Associations like ours are required to update their Rules to comply with this new legislation. Podiatry New Zealand Incorporated must re-register with these new Rules no later than April 2026. The Rules must be approved by the Companies Office prior to re-incorporation.

Rules governing the Association have been amended over the years and it is an appropriate time to fully review both the legal requirements and the needs of Podiatry New Zealand Incorporated for the present and the future.

Clause 5 of the current Rules provides for Amendment of the Rules as follows:

“These Rules may only be altered by a Special Resolution”

The Rules are silent on the definition of “Special Resolution” however it is proposed that changes, after consultation, will be put to the Membership by way of Resolution at the AGM in November 2025. A quorum for this meeting is 5% of the membership attending or by proxy (Rule 6(e)).

Discussion

A full review of the current Rules has taken place over the last six months or so with the Board. We have also taken advice from the Association’s lawyer to ensure that we are compliant with the new legislation.

It is now time to ask our members what they think and what they would like to amend, add or delete.

The revised draft is now available on the website together with the existing Rules. We have decided to keep the documents separate because of the number of formatting and re-ordering of clauses which would have made a “track changes” option too hard to follow.

We are confident that the draft Rules meet the requirements of the new legislation and that there is sufficient provision in the document to ensure that any future substantive changes can be made by the members at that time. However, we are concerned to make sure that members have the opportunity to add value to the proposed changes to ensure they are relevant to our needs.

Next Steps

Members are asked to complete the **attached table** or to provide general feedback by email to contact@podnz.org with the subject title “Rules Review”.

If members wish to add comments into the body of the new document by way of track changes, please request a Word version by email as above.

We will also send a Zoom invite to answer any queries or discuss any concerns. This will be in late July.

Timeline

Date	Action
23 rd June 2025	Documents released for consultation
23 rd June – 21 st July 2025	Written / email requests for clarification
30 th July 2025	Zoom session to discuss proposed changes
5 th September 2025	Consultation closes
Late September / Early October	Notice of AGM together with Wording of Special Resolution
12 th November 2025	AGM and proposed new Rules put to membership for vote
Post AGM	Subject to agreement new Rules will be registered and will come into effect from the date of approval

Many thanks for your input – it is vital that we get member views on this topic.

Alison Molloy



Chief Executive
Podiatry New Zealand Incorporated

Response Table – please return to Contact@podnz.org no later than 5th September 2025

Do you agree the Draft Rules are sufficient to guide PodiatryNZ into the future? Y / N	
Add comment	
What changes would you propose. Please refer to the specific clause in the draft document	
Clause #	Comment
Any other comments?	