

APodC Policy on:

Affiliated Bodies

The following bodies are affiliated to the Council:

- **The Australian Academy of Podiatric Sports Medicine**
- **The Australian College of Podiatric Surgeons**

Role/Responsibility

It is the responsibility of the affiliated bodies to oversee the practice of podiatry in their areas of interest, and to recommend minimum standards of education required of their members.

Affiliated bodies must act within their respective constitutions.

The affiliated bodies act as the informed body for comment on issues pertaining to their areas of interest.

Accountability

The affiliated bodies are accountable to their membership.

The affiliated bodies are also accountable to the profession for policies which they develop in relation to their areas of interest.

Affiliated bodies must maintain communication with the Australian Podiatry Council. They must also provide a current copy of their constitution, code of ethics and report to the Australian Podiatry Council as determined from time to time by the Council.

Authority

The affiliated bodies do not have authority through the voting process, as they are not members of the Australian Podiatry Council, but affiliated due to their similar aims and objectives.

The only authority which is vested in the affiliated bodies is the authority to set the standards of education required for membership of those bodies.

- Affiliated groups must be incorporated under the Companies Code or Associations' Act.
- The objectives of an affiliated organisation must be complementary to the objectives of the Australian Podiatry Council.
- Affiliated bodies must require all their members to maintain membership of a state podiatry association. (Clause 53 of Australian Podiatry Council Articles of Association).
- Affiliated groups must be organised on a national basis.
- Affiliated organisations must liaise and co-operate with the Australian Podiatry Council in regard to:
 - submissions to Federal Government.
 - public relations activities.
 - any other matter which may impact on the entire profession.

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