



# Podiatry Workforce Annual Survey

## New South Wales, 1998

### Summary Report

#### Introduction

Each year, as part of the annual process of renewal of registration for podiatrists in NSW, a survey questionnaire is sent to each podiatrist currently on the register of the Podiatrists Registration Board of NSW. This report provides an overview of information from the 1998 Podiatry Workforce Annual Survey.

In 1998, there were 657 Podiatrists financially registered with the Podiatry Registration Board of NSW. Of these, 400 were female and 257 were male. Table 1 provides an overview of the various registration categories.

**Table 1: Summary of persons registered as Podiatrists in NSW, 1998**

Category	Female		Male		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
New registrants	20	47.6%	22	52.4%	42	100.0%
Renewals	345	61.0%	221	39.0%	566	100.0%
Restoration	11	57.9%	8	42.1%	19	100.0%
Registration status pending	45	65.2%	24	34.8%	69	100.0%

- Notes:**
- The table includes information on podiatrists who were financially registered with the Board during the period 1 July 1997 to 30 June 1998. Care should be taken when interpreting this data as some individual registrants may be included in more than one of the above categories within the twelve month period.
  - **New registrants:** new graduates and persons with qualifications obtained in another jurisdiction who have had their qualifications recognised in NSW. These persons will normally not receive the labour force survey.
  - **Renewals:** persons who have renewed their registration prior to the due date.
  - **Restorations:** persons who have restored their registration after a period where they were un-financial. These persons will normally not receive the current labour force survey, although persons who make late payments are restorations and may have completed a survey.
  - **Registration status pending:** generally persons due for renewal by the end of the survey period who have not immediately re-registered. These persons will most likely appear as deletions or restorations in the following year.

## Response rate to survey

The response rate to the 1998 Podiatrists Labour Force Survey was 68.7 per cent, which demonstrates a large decrease in response rate from 1997 (90.8 per cent).

**Table 2: Response rate<sup>1</sup> to Podiatrists Labour Force Annual Survey 1997 and 1998**

	1997		1998	
	No.	Rate	No.	Rate
<b>Formal response rate</b>				
<i>Survey respondents<sup>2</sup> who were renewals<sup>3</sup></i>	465		358	
<i>Total renewals<sup>3</sup></i>	512	90.8%	521	68.7%

- Notes:**
- (1) Determining the response rate to the survey is complicated by the relationship between the survey and the renewal process. While new registrants and restorals do not generally receive the survey, some may if they also renew within the twelve month survey period. Additionally, some persons sent renewal notices do not renew their registrations and therefore will not have returned surveys. All responses are analysed in Tables 3 and 4, however, responses not meeting the strict definition of renewals used for the "working renewals cohort" are excluded from the formal response rate.
  - (2) A "survey respondent" is strictly defined in this context as a respondent who provided information to the question on working status. 8 registrants provided some information on other questions only.
  - (3) "Renewal" is strictly defined in this context as a person recorded as renewing their registration with no other actions recorded (eg, restoration, deletion). New registrants and restorals do not receive the workforce survey. This "renewal" group represents those persons who definitely received the survey.

## Notes to aid in interpreting the data in this report

The information in this profile is not adjusted for non-response and should be interpreted with care.

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The response rate varies for each question on the survey as not all survey respondents provide a valid response to every question. Total non-response for each table is equal to the non-response to the survey, plus the non-response to the individual survey question(s) from which the table is derived. The latter is shown as "unknown" at the bottom of each table.

## Summary of Working Status of all Survey Respondents

**Table 3: Working status of podiatrists renewing their registration in NSW, 1998<sup>1</sup>**

Working in Podiatry	Female		Male		Total		%
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Only in NSW	203	50.8%	123	47.9%	326	49.6%	62.3%
Mainly in NSW, but also other states	2	0.5%	3	1.2%	5	0.8%	40.0%
Mainly in other states	6	1.5%	6	2.3%	12	1.8%	50.0%
Only in other states	7	1.8%	3	1.2%	10	1.5%	70.0%
Overseas	4	1.0%	2	0.8%	6	0.9%	66.7%
<b>Not Working in Podiatry</b>							
Not working/ Not looking/ Retired	9	2.3%	2	0.8%	11	1.7%	81.8%
Not in paid work but looking for work	2	0.5%	-	0.0%	2	0.3%	100.0%
In paid work but not in Podiatry	4	1.0%	5	1.9%	9	1.4%	44.4%
<b>Working status unknown</b>							
Non-response <sup>2</sup>	11	2.8%	8	3.1%	19	2.9%	57.9%
Unknown <sup>3</sup>	152	38.0%	105	40.9%	257	39.1%	59.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>#####</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>657</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>60.9%</b>

- Notes:**
1. Table includes information from all registered podiatrists.
  2. Survey respondents who did not provide information on their working status.
  3. Persons who did not respond to the survey. This includes some renewals, and most new registrants & restorations (although some restorations who are "late payers" do return the current survey with their The labour force characteristics of these three groups vary and this category should be interpreted wi

**Table 4: Nature of work sought by Podiatrists who were not working in podiatry at the time of renewal in NSW, 1998**

Nature of job seeking activity	No.	%
Not looking for work in podiatry	6	60.0%
Looking for work in podiatry		
Full or part time	1	10.0%
Full time	2	20.0%
Part time	1	10.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Non-response:	1	9.1%

**Note:** Table includes only those respondents from Table 3 who indicated that they were not in paid work and looking for paid work, or in paid work but not in podiatry (11 respondents).

## Working Renewals

There were 313 "working renewals" in 1998. Working renewals are those respondents who:

- Were financially registered and renewed their registration in 1998 (with no period not financial); and
- Stated on the annual survey that they were working only or mainly in NSW.

The survey data in the following tables refer only to this grouping of Podiatrists who were working in NSW.

**Table 5: Podiatrists working in NSW 1998, by sex**

Sex	No.	%
Females	196	62.6%
Males	117	37.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>#####</b>

**Table 6: Podiatrists working in NSW 1998, by age and sex**

Age range	Females		Males		Total		% Female
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
19-24	19	10.0%	4	3.5%	23	7.6%	82.6%
25-29	33	17.4%	16	14.0%	49	16.1%	67.3%
30-34	37	19.5%	18	15.8%	55	18.1%	67.3%
35-39	30	15.8%	31	27.2%	61	20.1%	49.2%
40-44	24	12.6%	21	18.4%	45	14.8%	53.3%
45-49	14	7.4%	9	7.9%	23	7.6%	60.9%
50-54	13	6.8%	6	5.3%	19	6.3%	68.4%
55-59	6	3.2%	4	3.5%	10	3.3%	60.0%
60-64	2	1.1%	1	0.9%	3	1.0%	66.7%
65-69	5	2.6%	1	0.9%	6	2.0%	83.3%
70-74	4	2.1%	1	0.9%	5	1.6%	80.0%
75+	3	1.6%	2	1.8%	5	1.6%	60.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>190</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>#####</b>	<b>304</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>62.5%</b>
<i>Unknown</i>	6	3.2%	3	2.6%	9	3.0%	

**Table 7: Podiatrists working in NSW registered in other states, 1998**

	No.	%
Registered interstate	19	6.1%
Not registered interstate	294	93.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<i>Unknown</i>	-	0.0%

**Table 8: State of additional registration, Podiatrists working in NSW, 1998**

	No.	%
Registered in Qld	6	18.2%
Registered in SA	5	15.2%
Registered in Tas	1	3.0%
Registered in Vic	2	6.1%
Registered in WA	-	0.0%
<i>State of additional registration unknown</i>	5	15.2%

**Table 9: Citizenship status, Podiatrists working in NSW, 1998**

	No.	%
Australian Citizen	296	94.6%
Non citizen		
Permanent resident	16	5.1%
Not Permanent resident	0	
Unknown status	1	0.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

**Table 10: Home locality by Health Service, Podiatrists working in NSW, 1998**

<b>Area Health Service</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
Central Coast AHS	12	4.1%
Central Sydney AHS	24	8.3%
Hunter AHS	18	6.2%
Illawarra AHS	18	6.2%
Northern Sydney AHS	60	20.7%
South Eastern Sydney AHS	64	22.1%
South Western Sydney AHS	14	4.8%
Wentworth AHS	11	3.8%
Western Sydney AHS	22	7.6%
<b>Total Metropolitan Health Services</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>83.8%</b>
Far West AHS	-	0.0%
Greater Murray AHS	7	2.4%
Macquarie AHS	4	1.4%
Mid North Coast AHS	6	2.1%
Mid Western AHS	6	2.1%
New England AHS	8	2.8%
Northern Rivers AHS	12	4.1%
Southern AHS	2	0.7%
<b>Total Rural Health Services</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>15.5%</b>
ACT and Interstate	2	0.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<i>Unknown:</i>	23	7.3%

**Table 11: Work locality by Health Service, Podiatrists working in NSW, 1998**

<b>Area Health Service</b>	<b>Main Job</b>		<b>Second Job</b>	
	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>%</b>
Central Coast AHS	10	3.6%	3	2.9%
Central Sydney AHS	25	9.1%	17	16.3%
Hunter AHS	17	6.2%	4	3.8%
Illawarra AHS	16	5.8%	5	4.8%
Northern Sydney AHS	50	18.2%	22	21.2%
South Eastern Sydney AHS	55	20.1%	15	14.4%
South Western Sydney AHS	24	8.8%	11	10.6%
Wentworth AHS	9	3.3%	2	1.9%
Western Sydney AHS	22	8.0%	10	9.6%
<b>Total Metropolitan Health Services</b>	<b>228</b>	<b>83.2%</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>85.6%</b>
Far West AHS	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Greater Murray AHS	7	2.6%	1	1.0%
Macquarie AHS	5	1.8%	1	1.0%
Mid North Coast AHS	6	2.2%	1	1.0%
Mid Western AHS	4	1.5%	3	2.9%
New England AHS	8	2.9%	3	2.9%
Northern Rivers AHS	12	4.4%	4	3.8%
Southern AHS	4	1.5%	2	1.9%
<b>Total Rural Health Services</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>16.8%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14.4%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>274</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<i>Unknown/no second job:</i>	39	12.5%	209	66.8%

**Note:** "Main Job" is the job in which the respondent worked the greatest number of hours

**Table 12: Number of hours usually worked per week by Podiatrists working in NSW, 1998**

Hours	Main Job		2nd Job		Other Jobs	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
1-9	14	5.0%	44	50.6%	22	73.3%
10-19	38	13.6%	36	41.4%	4	13.3%
20-29	52	18.6%	4	4.6%	-	0.0%
30-39	73	26.1%	1	1.1%	2	6.7%
40-49	65	23.2%	1	1.1%	1	3.3%
50-59	24	8.6%	-	0.0%	1	3.3%
60-69	12	4.3%	1	1.1%	-	0.0%
70-79	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
80+	2	0.7%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>#####</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<i>Unknown/no additional job</i>	33	11%	226	72%	283	90%

**Table 13: Nature of Employment, Podiatrists working in NSW, 1998**

Area	Main Job		Second Job	
	No.	%	No.	%
Clinical podiatrist	276	98.2%	34	77.3%
Administration	0	0.0%	4	9.1%
Teaching / Education	3	1.1%	4	9.1%
Research	2	0.7%	1	2.3%
Other	0	0.0%	1	2.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>#####</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<i>Unknown/no additional area of practice</i>	32	10.2%	269	85.9%

**Table 14: Type of Employment, Podiatrists working in NSW, 1998**

Area	Main Job		Second Job	
	No.	%	No.	%
Own practice or partnership	178	63.3%	19	23.5%
Own practice and sessional appointments elsewhere	13	4.6%	11	13.6%
Own practice and fee-for-service elsewhere	18	6.4%	14	17.3%
Own practice, sessional and fee-for-service elsewhere	10	3.6%	8	9.9%
Salaried podiatrist (private practice, hospital, etc)	52	18.5%	20	24.7%
Locum, regular location	8	2.8%	6	7.4%
Locum, various locations	2	0.7%	3	3.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>281</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<i>Unknown/no additional job</i>	32	10.2%	232	74.1%

**Table 15: Industry and sector of employment of Podiatrists working in NSW, main job, 1998**

Industry	Public Sector		Private Sector		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Private (podiatry) surgery/rooms	-	0.0%	225	93.8%	225	80.6%
Hospital inpatient services	5	12.8%	-	0.0%	5	1.8%
Hospital outpatient services	19	48.7%	-	0.0%	19	6.8%
Nursing home/long stay facility	1	2.6%	3	1.3%	4	1.4%
Community centre/day centre/health centre	5	12.8%	-	0.0%	5	1.8%
Domiciliary care service	5	12.8%	11	4.6%	16	5.7%
Physical/developmental disability institution	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Tertiary education institution	3	7.7%	-	0.0%	3	1.1%
Government department/organisation	1	2.6%	-	0.0%	1	0.4%
Defence forces	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Sports centre/clinic	-	0.0%	1	0.4%	1	0.4%
Industry	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	-	0.0%
Other	-	0.0%	-	0.0%	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>240</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<i>Unknown/no additional job</i>					34	10.9%

**Table 16: Use of local anaesthesia by Podiatrists working in NSW, 1998**

Qualification	Frequency of use	No.	%
Not Qualified		36	12.9%
Qualified			
	Never use	45	16.2%
	Occasionally use	144	51.8%
	Frequently use	48	17.3%
	Not applicable	-	0.0%
	Unknown	5	1.8%
<b>Total</b>		<b>278</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<i>Unknown</i>		35	11.2%

**Table 17: Languages used professionally by Podiatrists working in NSW, 1998**

	Number of respondents	% of total respondents
English Only	258	91.5%
Other language(s)	24	8.5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>282</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<u>Other languages spoken</u>		
Greek	5	1.8%
Italian	4	1.4%
Arabic including Lebanese	4	1.4%
French	2	0.7%
German	1	0.4%
Spanish	1	0.4%
Other (1 respondent each)	7	2.5%
<i>Unknown</i>	31	9.9%