



Clarifications on the two bodies involved in Pedorthics in Australia.

The aim of the following table is to outline clearly the distinct differences in the two bodies involved.

Government, Private Health Insurance, other third party funders and the private consumer can see clearly the responsibilities of each body.

	Who is Australia's peak professional body for pedorthics?	Who is regulating Australia's Pedorthists?
	Pedorthic Association of Australia. (PAA)	Australian Pedorthists Registration Board. (APRB)
		
<i>Website</i>	Pedorthic.org.au	APRB.org.au
<i>Email</i>	info@pedorthics.org.au	info@aprb.org.au
<i>Are there Annual Fees?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes -Membership fees are due as of the 1st July each year 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yes – Registration fees are due as of the 1st July each year
<i>Are the different types of membership?</i> <i>What about the Scope of Practice of each?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Individuals can be accepted as members of the PAA as <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Certified members ○ Non certified members ○ Special Interest Person ○ Student member ○ Retired member ○ Life member 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedorthics has three tiered scope of practice. • Each provide services after completing a thorough assessment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Retailers of pedorthic products 2. Modifiers (and Retailers) of pedorthic products 3. Custom Makers (and modifiers and retailers) of pedorthic products.*
<i>Is there a Code of Conduct?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of membership all members are expected to adhere to the Constitution Code of Conduct 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Criteria for Certification in Pedorthics is the governing document that outlines performance and conduct of a certified Pedorthist • Certified Pedorthists also come under other universal

		Australian health practitioner codes of conduct
<i>Who is Membership and Registration open to?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Membership is open to any individual persons whether qualified as a health professional or a person with a special interest in pedorthic such as a client, student or general member of the public 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Registration and annual re-registration is based on <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CPD points achieved annually Work log books presented annually
<i>Is there Training involved?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No- there are no formal requirements of training to be a member of the PAA The PAA provide the training and testing for the APRB 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> APRB does not provide any training. Every Certified Pedorthist must complete all aspects of the training required under the Criteria. *The Tertiary degree level of training is available at the Southern Cross University for the Custom maker subsector of pedorthics
<i>How is an individual initially approved and accepted?</i> <i>Who is required to Present before a Panel of Experts</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are no tests to pass to be a member of the PAA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All acceptable training must incorporate an individual test at the conclusion. All training must be provided by a PAA recognised Training Facility To be initially registered as a certified Pedorthist every Certified Pedorthists sits before a Panel of Experts and presents a case study as required under the Criteria
<i>Do they need to do Continual Professional Development</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes - Every Certified Pedorthist must complete all aspects of Continual Professional Development required under the Criteria
<i>What about Work Log books?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yes - Every Certified Pedorthist must submit Case Work Logs as required under the Criteria
<i>Who is the advocate for the profession of pedorthics .</i> <i>Who is the advocate for the general public receiving foot related services by a Certified</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PAA advocates and promotes the profession of pedorthics 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The APRB has no role in promoting the profession. By acting as the regulator, a primary object of the APRB is the protection of the public receiving foot related services from a Certified Pedorthist

<i>Pedorthist</i>		
<i>Who can I report concerns about a Pedorthist to?</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only if the matter is related to the Code of Conduct of being a member of the PAA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In general, if the matter is regarding a Pedorthist providing a professional service, the APRB can receive a formal complaint • Government consumer advocates • All complaints or concerns about aged care services can also be directed to the Aged Care Complaints Commissioner. • Each state or territory government has its own health complaints department
<p><i>How do I find out who is properly Registered?</i></p> <p><i>How do i get a Publicly available listing for Private Health Insurance, Government and private consumers?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apply to the PAA for a membership list (Only available in hard copy as per the PAA Constitution and privacy legislation. There is a small fee) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refer to the APRB website for an up to date online listing of members. • This will show a state by state listing including the professional
<p><i>I am qualified for this work in another country.</i></p> <p><i>Will I be recognised to do this work in Australia?</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request advice from the APRB with regards to Recognition of Prior Learning under the Australian Criteria for Certified Pedorthists