

APRIL 2022 NEWSLETTER

Tēnā koutou katoa

I sincerely hope this finds you well physically, emotionally and spiritually.

My thanks to the Chiropractic Board for their continued confidence in me as Chair. I look forward to continuing to serve the New Zealand public this year as one of the Kaitiaki of public safety when visiting Chiropractors in New Zealand.

Internationally the door appears to be closing on the COVID pandemic and I look to a time when Board resources can be directed to more illuminatory undertakings.

One of humanities failings is our inability to recognise and respond to a gradual increase in adverse conditions in our immediate environment. Generally we are quick to recognise an abrupt shift in our surroundings and adapt appropriately, but, when negative change progresses imperceptibly we often subconsciously recalibrate and reframe until life becomes untenable.

As we emerge from a pandemic environment we must ensure we and our patients become conscious of, and shed behaviours and restrictions that are no longer advantageous or appropriate. There is inertia in behaviours such as limited social engagement and insularity, and they result in a diminished world view and decreased neuroplasticity.

Personally I am very interested in the APC renewal statistics for this practising year as compared with previous years. It will be a direct window into the ability of our profession to provide care to the public of New Zealand and an indication of the impact of the Pandemic-measures on the profession.

The darkest time is in the hours before dawn.

Thank you for taking the time to read and digest the information in our newsletter.



Dr Tim Cooper BSc, BSc(Chiro)

Chair, New Zealand Chiropractic Board

Board Membership Update

Chair and Deputy Chair

Under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance (HPCA) Act 2003, the Board is required to nominate and elect the Chair and Deputy Chair at its first Board meeting each year. At its February 2022 Board meeting the following Board Chair and Deputy Chair were confirmed:

- Chairperson – Dr Tim Cooper
- Deputy Chairperson – Dr James Burt

For more information on all Board members, [click here](#).

Board Member Farewell

The Board recently farewelled Dr Sarkaw Randhawa who served on the Board since September 2017. The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank Sarkaw for her time and dedication to the board and wish her well in her future endeavours.

New Board Member Welcome



The board is delighted to announce the appointment of Dr Chad Esaiah on the Board. Chad is a 1999 NZCC inaugural graduate with over 22 years' experience in practice.

Before COVID-19 forced restrictions to international travel, Dr Chad regularly travelled to his ancestral home of the Cook Islands providing chiropractic care to the people of Rarotonga and Aitutaki.

The Board welcomes Dr Esaiah and look forward to working with him.

RA Review results

The Board recently completed its review as required under section 122A of the HPCA Act 2003. The outcomes of the review resulted in the following recommendations:

- Further explore with CCEA more specifically including the New Zealand cultural context in the CCEA's Accreditation standards and Accreditation policy and procedures,
- Completing the review of the Professional Standards for Chiropractors and implement with the profession, and
- Continue the journey for the Board working as a Tiriti engaged organisation applying the principles of equity and a Te Tiriti framework.

The Board is pleased to publish the report which can be found here: [RA review Report](#)

CCEA positions available

CCEA are recruiting to fill positions on the CCEA Board and Accreditation Committee under the following categories:

- **CCEA Board** – One (1) individual who is a senior independent person in education, business or the community who represents the public and who is not a member of the chiropractic profession.
- **Accreditation Committee** – One (1) individual with appropriate knowledge, experience and/or involvement in accreditation procedures OR a community member whose primary experience is as a health consumer.

In addition, CCEA are taking expressions of interest from individuals who would like to apply to be on the **Site Evaluation Team (SET) Register**. As part of the CCEA's accreditation work, external assessors are utilised as SET members to review chiropractic programs against the [Accreditation Standards](#). SET members evaluate accreditation submissions and participate in education provider site visits.

Interested nominees should refer to the 'Latest media releases' section on the home page of the [CCEA website](#).

Nominations close **5pm AEST Friday 15 April 2022**.

APC Renewals for the 2022-2023 practising year

APC renewals have now closed. To maintain an up-to-date register and in accordance with section 144(1) of the HPCA Act 2003, if you did not renew your APC or maintain your registration for 2022/2023 practising year, you will receive a follow up email from the Deputy Registrar.

The options available to you are as follows:

1. **Apply for an annual practising certificate (APC).**
2. **Apply for a partial year annual practising certificate (APC) valid for three months.** This APC can only be applied for once in an APC year (1 April to 31 March). If you apply for a partial year APC, then wish to continue practising in the same APC year, you will need to apply for a full APC.
3. **Maintain registration (and not practice).** If you have no plans to practice in New Zealand in the foreseeable future but wish to remain on the Register, you can apply to maintain registration. **Please note** if there were any outstanding issues when you ceased practice in New Zealand, these will need to be addressed if you apply for an APC. The Board's [return to practice policy](#) may apply. **Please note** while maintaining registration, you cannot practice as a chiropractor, including providing treatment to family and friends.
4. **Confirm to have your name removed from the NZ Register of Chiropractors.** If you have retired from practice or have no plans to practice Chiropractic in New Zealand again you can have your name removed from the Register. If at some point in the future, you wish to return to practice you will be required to reapply for registration and an annual practising certificate before being authorised to practice in New Zealand.

Please choose one of these options and apply online via the [Board's Practitioner Portal](#)

CPD/audit update

The board will audit a selection of practitioners over the coming months. If you were selected, you would have received an email from the Board with instructions.

We are in the process of introducing a new online auditing programme. Auditors will receive training in early May and will commence the audit online throughout May/June. Key dates in the audit process are:

09 May 2022	CPD record must be complete in the Online CPD profile.
09 May – 20 June 2022	Audit in progress
July 2022	Target date for advice from the Board on the results of audit.

Continuing Professional Development reminder of revised policy

The revised CPD programme cycle commenced 1 January 2022, please review your CPD plans and objectives and update them for 2022. Please ensure you are logging your 2022 CPD activities into your online profile and are familiar with the revised [CPD Policy](#).

The CPD requirements from 01 January 2022 are:

- All chiropractors holding an APC must complete 20 hours of CPD each year.
- As the Board agreed to remove the previously defined two categories of CPD activities (Group A & Group B), onus for ensuring a variety of CPD activities are completed falls on individual practitioners.
- Audit of CPD activities will continue to be conducted every two years with the first audit on these revised standards scheduled for 2024.
- Over the two-year period practitioners must complete at least one identifiable cultural responsiveness activity.

The Board will publish more information regarding cultural responsiveness in the near future.

Board Consultation

You may recall the Board consulted on its professional standards policies which includes:

1. [Complaints Policy](#)
2. [Competence Review Policy](#)
3. [Fitness to Practice \(Health\) Policy](#)

We have extended the closing period until Monday 18th April. If you would like to make any comments on these, please refer to the [consultation document](#) for more information.

Therapeutic & Natural Health Products Bill Update

The Bill is scheduled to be introduced to Parliament later 2022. When the Bill reaches Select Committee stage, there will be another opportunity for people to submit feedback.

Once the Bill receives Royal Assent, it will be another two to three years before the scheme commences and the regulations are set.

To read more about it, click [here](#)

Consultation on proposed amendments to the Health Information Privacy Code 2020

The Privacy Commissioner has invited submissions on the proposal to amend the Health Information Privacy Code 2020.

The proposed amendments are:

- Minor updates to the interpretation section of the Code to reflect changes to terms used in the sector
- Amendments to rule 13 (assignment of the Common Provider Number) to recognise the likely transfer of responsibility for the CPN from the Ministry of Health
- An update to Schedule 2, which lists which agencies can assign the National Health Index number, to include Māori Health Authority, Health New Zealand, and Ministry for Disabled People, as well as better reflect the way in which funding flows within the sector

- Two minor changes to clauses to correct drafting errors identified since the Code was issued in 2020.

The proposed amendment to the Code is not intended to enact policy changes beyond those that are provided for in the Bill.

Information papers, which include the proposed amendment, and a draft consolidated Code can be found on the Privacy Commissioner's website [here](#).

Consultation is open on these amendments only. Submissions are invited by **4 May 2022** and should be sent to privacy.code@privacy.org.nz.

If you have any questions about the proposed amendment or would like to discuss the matter before making a submission, please contact Eve Kennedy, Senior Policy Adviser (Health) in the first instance on 04 474 7591.

WFC Quarterly World Report

The second quarter issue of the WFC's *Quarterly World Report* is out! It is packed with news, features and stories from around the world and is their largest issue so far.

This April issue of the QWR can be accessed online at bit.ly/QWR2022B.