

DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

Tēnā Koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa,

My very warm greetings to you all.

I hope this finds you and your loved ones well and looking forward to what promises to be a hot and dry summer.

Trusting as you look back on your year you will take quiet satisfaction in goals realised, lives profoundly enhanced and enjoy a strong sense of fulfilment.

Please take time out to recharge your batteries over the Christmas break and enjoy time with your loved ones.

My thanks to the Board members for their tireless work this year and to our Executive team Glenys and Leanne, the dynamic duo who take care of the endless details that allow the Board to fulfil its regulatory function.

Please take time to absorb the contents of this newsletter, this is our primary means of communication with you, there are several important matters herein that I suggest command your attention.

Nga mihi nui



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ACC POSITION STATEMENT ON TREATMENT OF FRIENDS AND FAMILY

The Board is cognisant of the benefits of Chiropractic care and the Board's Code of Ethics supports the treatment of whānau and family members. This is divergent from all other health professions where the Responsible Authority recommend the treatment of whanau and family members is to be avoided and is prohibited.

There are potential problems when providing care to family members including power imbalances, the blurring of professional boundaries and possible impairment of professional judgment and clinical decision-making impacting on diagnosis and treatment decisions. It is important any diagnosis and/or treatment provided to whānau, and family is properly documented.

[ACC's Position Statement on Treatment of Family Members](#), clearly states that you cannot claim ACC payments for the treatment of whānau, family members, and friends.

In accordance with the Board's Code of Ethics and Competency Standards, it is your responsibility as a Chiropractor to understand and abide by ACC's position statement when treating patients under ACC.

Who does this refer to:

- Your spouse or partner, parent, child, sibling.

- Members of your whānau or extended family, or your spouse or partner’s extended whānau or family.
- Other individuals you have a personal or close relationship with.

Not sure what to do?

- Read the [ACC Position Statement on Treatment of Family Members](#).
- If you are uncertain about these criteria or require another opinion, contact your local ACC Engagement and Performance Manager. Contact details can be found on the ACC website.
- Read the [Board's position statement](#) on treating whanau, family and friends.

Each year, the Board receive notifications from ACC regarding the treatment of family and colleagues under ACC. The Board expects chiropractors will comply with the requirements of their third-party agreement with ACC and it will take disciplinary action for any chiropractor who does not fulfil their obligations in this regard.

COMPETENCY BASED PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS FOR CHIROPRACTORS

The Board would like to thank the practitioners and community members who participated in this review and acknowledge their dedication to the Chiropractic Profession for the work they did in completing this review.

The Board approved the Competency Based Professional Standard for Chiropractors at their November Board Meeting. The revised standards will be valid from 1 April 2024 and can be accessed on the Board website. The Consultation Summary Report and the updated Competency Based Professional Standards are available on the board website:

[Professional Standards Consultation Summary Report](#)

[Updated Competency Based Professional Standards for Chiropractors](#) – valid from 1 April 2024

APC FEES 2024

The board completed its annual APC fees review for the 2024/2025 APC year 1 April 2024 – 31 March 2025. Fees for the coming year are as follows:

Registration:	\$
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application and processing fee for registration from an applicant who holds a prescribed Qualification, including Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Agreement applications. 	153.00
Annual Practising Certificate:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for Annual Practising Certificate between 1 April and 31 October, includes \$0 Disciplinary Levy. 	1,003.25
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for initial Annual Practising Certificate between 1 November and 31 March, includes \$0 Disciplinary Levy. 	408.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for partial year Annual Practising Certificate (three months), includes \$0 Disciplinary Levy. 	250.80
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for partial year Annual Practising Certificate (six months), includes \$0 Disciplinary Levy. 	501.62
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application for and renewal of maintenance of registration for non-practicing practitioners. 	100.00

Restoration:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application for renewal of an expired Annual Practising Certificate 3 or more years after expiry includes \$0 Disciplinary Levy. 	1,242.50
Other:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of Registration 	30.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Certificate of Good Standing 	50.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Copy of Register 	50.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administration fee 	45.00

The Board in addition to the partial year (three-month) APC, approved a partial year (six-month) APC which will be available from 5 February 2024. The fees for these APCs are set at a pro rata rate to the full year APC and incur an additional administration fee of \$45.00:

[Application for Partial Year APC \(3 months only\)](#)

[Application for Partial Year APC \(6 months only\)](#)

The Board would like to take this opportunity to thank those who took the time to respond to the consultation. One question raised from submissions was regarding the inaugural (01 Nov – 31 Mar) APC and why was that not set at a pro-rata rate. To clarify, this APC covers a five-month period which equates to \$418.00.

CYBER INCIDENT ADVICE FOR THE PRIMARY HEALTHCARE PRACTITIONERS

Te Whatu Ora worked with the RA Board's and Council's to produce helpful information for you to access should you find yourself or your practice involved in a cyber-attack incident.




Te Whatu Ora note cyber security incidents are becoming increasingly frequent in the healthcare sector. These incidents often disrupt critical service delivery and lead to the loss of health information, which healthcare providers have a regulatory and moral obligation to protect. It is not a case of 'if' but 'when' your organisation will experience a cyber security incident.

Te Whatu Ora's publication [Strengthen Your Digital Defence](#) will assist you to prepare and respond to a worst case incident. They have also prepared a [step by step guide](#) for you to follow .

YOUR CPD – 1 JANUARY–31 DECEMBER 2023

Remember to update your 2023 CPD activities and reflections. The CPD programme will close at midnight on 31 December 2023. You don't want to be "that person" sitting at home on New Year's Eve, frantically entering CPD activities when you could be out enjoying the company of your friends and family.

Ensure your CPD:

-  your CPD activities are varied,
-  that you have included your reflection on each activity,
-  that you have uploaded evidence of attendance,

- 🚧 included one identified cultural or diversity responsiveness activity (one activity every two-years).

Reflection and review for each activity:

- 🚧 What is your reflection on the activity attended?
- 🚧 What learning did you gain from this activity?
- 🚧 How will your practice be improved, or not, from your learnings?

CCEA DIGEST

The latest CCEA Digest is available for [download here](#). The Digest outlines activity from the most recent CCEA meetings.

CCEA's Annual Report was published in October 2023 and is available for [download here](#).

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSURE

The Board office will be closed for the Christmas/New Year break from Thursday, 21 December 2023 reopening, 9am, Wednesday, 3 January 2024.

The Board and secretariat wish you all a happy and safe holiday season.

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