



NEW ZEALAND
CHIROPRACTIC BOARD
TE POARI KAIKOROHITI O AOTEAROA

The Board is responsible for protecting the health and safety of the New Zealand public by ensuring chiropractors registered with it are competent and fit to practise

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Tēnā Koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa,

I hope this missive finds you and your loved ones emerging from Winter hale and hearty and looking forward to the warmth and lift in energy that Summer brings.

One of the historical aspects of New Zealand lore is a proud tradition of pioneer endeavour and plain hard work. Often this is retrospectively regarded as a solitary effort on the part of early settlers. As anyone who has lived in provincial Aotearoa knows, community and helping others out are key ingredients to the success of enterprise.

It is often lamented at professional events and in communications that those assembled, or reading the communication are not those who really need to be hearing the presented messages.

It occurs to me that this newsletter is the one message that goes to every chiropractor in Aotearoa, New Zealand.

Therefore, it is imperative that if you are a solitary practitioner with little or no contact with your colleagues that I lovingly encourage you to reach out beyond yourself. Practice is not a solitary affair, find a way of building community whether it be through seminar attendance, attending an Association event, reconnecting with your Chiropractic College or simply meeting with a colleague.

It is not recumbent on you to have all the answers to the challenges practice presents, seeking the council of your colleagues eases the weight of responsibility, builds resource and motivation and fuels innovation.

Thank you for your continuing efforts in safely, materially improving the health of New Zealanders.

Nga mihi nui

Dr Tim Cooper BSc, BSc(Chiro)

Chair for te Poari Kaikorohiti o Aotearoa | Chiropractic Board

ADVERTISING POLICY CONSULTATION

We seek your input on a consultation with proposed changes to the Board's Advertising Policy.

Key documents and links:

- [Current Advertising Policy](#)
- [Consultation document and revised advertising standards](#)
- [Survey link](#)

Please read through the consultation document, and complete the survey by **Friday, 18 October 2024**.

Alternatively, you can email through your feedback on the consultation to admin@chiropracticboard.org.nz

The Board values your feedback and looks forward to receiving your responses.

CHILDREN'S WORKER SAFETY CHECKS

The [Children's Act 2014](#) has been in force since 2015, while we do not record practitioner's Children's Worker Safety Check compliance against your APC, it is still legally required. ACC are recording and enforcing compliance with this law.

The Board published and circulated [Guidelines on the Children's Act and Children's Worker Safety Checks in March 2024](#). These are available on the board website in the [Resources & Publications](#) section on the website.

When you register as a provider with [ACC](#), or complete your annual contract renewal with them, you will be asked to complete a declaration stating you comply with the Children's Worker Safety Act 2014.

A Children's Worker Safety Check is a legislative requirement under the Children's Act 2014. The aim of this legislation is to reduce harm to our vulnerable tamariki and rangatahi. You must hold a current Children's Worker Safety Check Certificate if you or anyone in your organisation works with children under the age of 18 without a chaperone, parent or guardian present. This includes face-to-face, over the phone, and email contact.

Although rangatahi may sign their own ACC claim forms under 18, you cannot treat a patient aged under 18 years of age without holding a current Children's Worker Safety Check Certificate or having a chaperone, parent/guardian present.

ACC details everything you need to know about [Children's Worker Safety Checks on their website](#). With regards to your admin staff requiring Children's Worker Safety Checks, there is an ACC email address you can contact for assistance – cwsc@acc.co.nz

PRACTITIONER RESPONSIBILITIES

All registered chiropractors are responsible for informing the Board of any changes to your contact details, including your:

- phone number
- email address
- workplace address
- home address

PRACTITIONER PORTAL

Don't forget to log into your profile on the Board's website to:

- access your APC and receipts
- update your CPD

COUNCIL ON CHIROPRACTIC EDUCATION AUSTRALASIA

The Council on Chiropractic Education Australasia (CCEA) is recruiting to fill positions on the CCEA Board, Accreditation Committee and Chiropractic Overseas Assessment Committee:

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- Persons from another regulated health profession experienced in processes of evaluation, accreditation and governance.

ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE

- People with appropriate knowledge, experience and/or involvement in accreditation procedures (chiropractor or non-chiropractor).
- Senior chiropractic academics or clinical staff currently employed in a chiropractic program in Australia or New Zealand.
- Full time practising chiropractors.

CHIROPRACTIC OVERSEAS ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE

- Chiropractic representatives from each institution that conduct the CCEA Competency Assessment; and
- Persons with appropriate knowledge, experience and/or involvement in assessment procedures.

If you are interested nominees please refer to the 'Latest media releases' section on the home page of the [CCEA website](#).

Nominations close **5pm AEDT Friday 11 October 2024**.

BOARD MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

The Board is pleased to announce the reappointment of Dr Stacey Medway, Ms Tia Warbrick and Dr Edward Benson-Cooper for their second terms on the Board.

Look out for announcements next year for four appointments that will be advertised. For more information on how to become a Board member, click [here](#).

CPD AUDIT REVIEW

The Board's CPD audit is now complete. 116 practitioners were selected, three were given an exemption as they were either out of the country, on maternity leave or not practicing.

65 out of 116 practitioners received an "Insufficient" (I) rating in their initial audit, representing 56% of the total. This suggests that despite the simplicity of the program and the user-friendly platform, many practitioners are struggling with aspects of their CPD submissions beyond simply meeting the required hours.

Having been provided with an opportunity to improve their CPD, 1 practitioner received a failed audit result and now has restrictions on their APC, and 77.66% received a pass with recommendations with a small number who will be recalled for the next CPD audit.

LINKS AND POLICIES

The following are links to important Board policies and information:

- [Annual reports](#)
- [Partial year APC and payment forms](#)

Policies:

- [Advertising Policy](#)
- [Code of Ethics](#)
- [Competency Standards](#)
- [CPD](#)
- [Extended Term Management Plans \(ETMP\) and Pre-payment Arrangements \(PPA\) Board Policy](#)
- [Scope of practice](#)

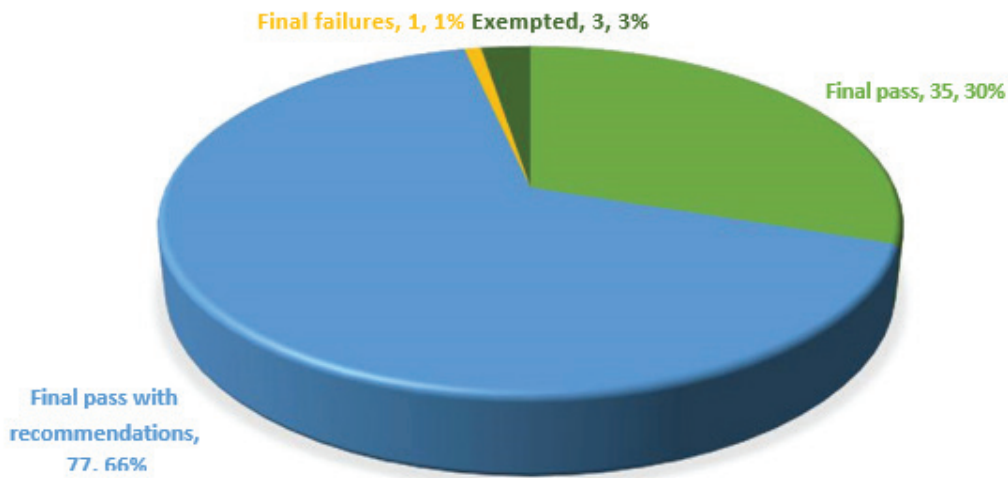
Guidelines:

- [The Children's Act 2014 & Children's Worker safety checks](#)
- [Clinical records](#)
- [Informed consent](#)

Position statements and other information:

- [ACC - Treatment of family](#)
- [Treating whānau, family and friends position statement](#)
- [Cyber Incident Response step by step guide](#)
- [Strengthen Your Digital Defence - A Guide to Cyber Security Incident Response for NZ Primary Health Sector](#)

Results:



Issues Identified

All practitioners met the required CPD hours, and the most common issues identified were:

- **Lacking Evidence:** Many practitioners failed to provide adequate evidence for their CPD activities. This included missing certificates of attendance, documentation of participation, or other forms of proof required to verify their involvement.
- **Poor Reflection:** A significant number of submissions lacked reflective statements or provided reflections that were insufficient in detail.
- **Activity Selection:** Some practitioners chose CPD activities related to business growth rather than chiropractic which does not align with the core objectives of the CPD program, which focuses on maintaining and enhancing clinical competence.
- **Missing Annual Plans, Objectives, and Reviews:** Several practitioners did not submit required annual CPD plans, objectives, or reviews. These are essential for demonstrating a structured approach to professional development.

As a result of the outcomes from this CPD Audit, the Board will conduct a thorough review of the CPD policy next year.

WE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REMIND YOU TO ENSURE YOUR CPD PROFILE IS UP TO DATE, PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE IT UNTIL 31 DECEMBER TO COMPLETE.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OFFICE CLOSURE

The Board office will be closed for the Christmas & New Year period from Friday, 20 December 2024 reopening, Monday, 6 January 2025.

If you need to renew your APC to commence work during this period, please ensure you have your application completed and submitted by Friday, 13 December 2024.

HDC – ACTING HEALTH & DISABILITY COMMISSIONER ANNOUNCES A NEW DIRECTOR OF PROCEEDINGS

Source: Health and Disability Commissioner

The acting Health and Disability Commissioner has announced the appointment of Jane Herschell as the new Director of Proceedings | Pouārahi o Ngā Hāmenetanga.

Dr Vanessa Caldwell says Ms Herschell brings 25 years' experience of practising civil litigation in Aotearoa New Zealand and England, specialising in the medico-legal field. She was admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor in New Zealand in 1998, and as a Solicitor in England and Wales in 2003. Jane joined the independent bar in New Zealand in 2004.

"The Director of Proceedings is a critical function performed at the end of the continuum of protecting health and disability services consumers' rights where the most serious of breaches have occurred.

"Jane has the requisite experience required for this hard mahi having ably assisted several DPs as external counsel in a variety of disciplinary and Human Rights Review Tribunal litigation, and she brings a wealth of other litigation and medico-legal experience to the role," said Dr Caldwell.

Ms Herschell says she feels privileged to use her experience to help and empower consumers - especially the vulnerable and voiceless.

"I look forward to being part of a dynamic team which is committed to the important work of the Commissioner's office. I embrace the challenge of promoting and protecting consumers' rights in an increasingly complex health and disability services environment, while staying true to the independent obligations of a public prosecutor."

WORLD FEDERATION OF CHIROPRACTIC (WFC) - QUARTERLY WORLD REPORTS

The latest WFC Quarterly World Reports can be downloaded [here](#).

WFC – WORLD SPINE DAY 2024

October 16th marks World Spine Day, an annual event recognized as the largest public health initiative dedicated to raising awareness about the global burden of spinal pain and disability.



To find out more, go to www.worldspineday.org