

APRIL 2025 NEWSLETTER

Tēnā Koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa,

Hoping this finds you and your loved ones vibrantly well and enjoying the seasonal shift.

We appreciate your attention to this newsletter and trust you will make the most of the opportunity to comment on the Health Workforce Regulatory Reform.

With the Easter Holidays behind us we are moving into the substantial part of the year. Wishing you energy and fortitude as you care for the health of New Zealanders.

Thank you for your work in this regard.

Nga mihi nui



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Chair, New Zealand Chiropractic Board

BOARD NEWS

Board Member Resignation

The Board recently accepted the resignation of Board Member, Sandy Bansal. We wish Sandy all the very best for the future and thank him for the work he did while on the Board.

Board News

Recently we sent an email to the profession regarding the Health Workforce Regulatory Reform Consultation.

These changes could affect how the chiropractic profession is regulated in the future. It's important you take the opportunity to understand the proposals and share your views. Submissions are only open until **Wednesday, 30 April 2025**, so if you want to have a say in how our profession is regulated, you need to respond quickly.

Link to the consultation: <https://consult.health.govt.nz/regulatory-policy/putting-patients-first/>

Please read the questions very carefully so you are aware of what you are saying yes or no to. The Board completed their submission, and this is available on the Board website [here](#) - if you wish to view it.

APC renewals for 2025/26 year

APC renewals were very slow this year, possibly as a reflection on the current economic climate. At the close of APC renewals on 31 March, there were a significant number of chiropractors who had not updated their status on the New Zealand Register of Chiropractors.

There appears to be a misconception within the profession that registration does not need to be renewed if you leave New Zealand or takes time away from practice. Becoming registered in New Zealand is a legal process, and you need to maintain registration and update your entry in the Register annually.

It is a legal process under the HPCA Act to be removed from the Register if you are no longer practising.

It is important you update your entry in the Register, check your current residential and postal addresses, email and phone numbers are correct, and ensure a work address is included.

Maintaining your Registration

Not Practising for a while, or gone overseas?

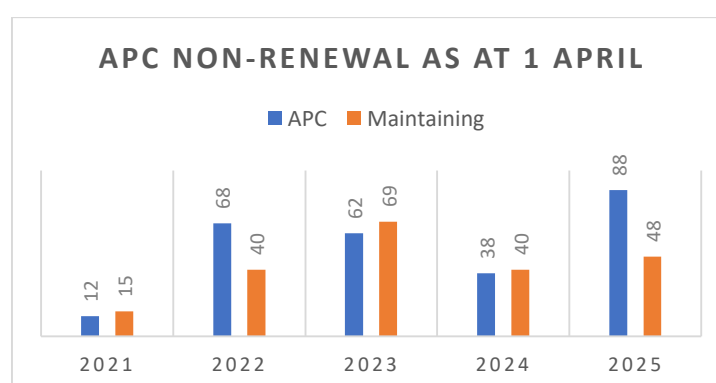
If you are taking some time away from chiropractic, or if you have left New Zealand but intend returning to practice in NZ in the future; you need to maintain registration, so you continue to receive updates from the Board on changes to policies, legislation and other information pertinent to the NZ Chiropractic profession. This option makes the process of renewing your APC when you are ready to return to practice in NZ much simpler.

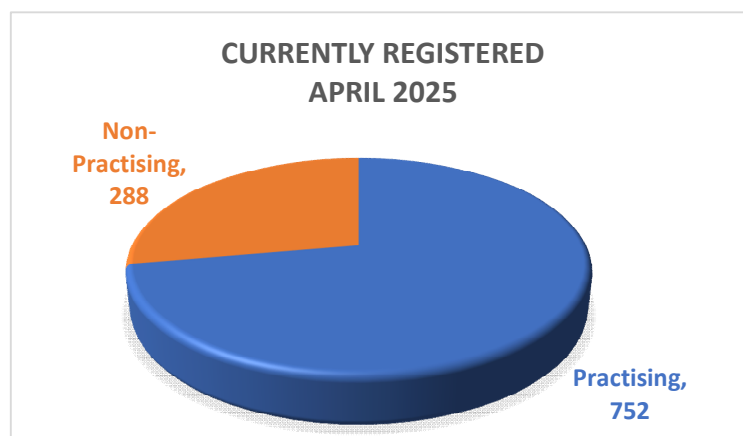
If your break from chiropractic is for a short period within the APC year, you can select the non-practising option that you “Intend to Practice”. This allows you to remain on the register for a short period of time and ensures Board Secretariat know you will be renewing your APC soon and will not contact you regarding your renewal.

Under the HPCA Act, the Board is required to manage the NZ Register of Chiropractors. This means we monitor the register and follow up with practitioners who have not renewed their APC, maintained registration, or indicated they intend returning to practice within the year. If no action is taken, we are required under the HPCA Act to commence the s144 process to remove these practitioners from the register.

If you have not renewed your APC or maintained your registration for the 2025/2026 APC year, please act now to let us know your intentions. Either log into your practitioner portal and update your entry, or if you are still unsure what to do, please contact the Deputy Registrar, Leanne Davis – leanne@chiropracticboard.org.nz for advice.

If you are experiencing financial hardship, the Board can provide you with a letter to WINZ to assist you with applying for funding to pay for your APC.





CPD

The Board was disappointed to learn that many practitioners failed to upload their CPD into the practitioner portal for the period 1 January – 31 December 2024. As a result, a considerable number of practitioners were unable to renew their APC online and were required to contact the Board.

We are well into the 2025 CPD year – 1 January-31 December 2025. You should have completed your Annual Plan and Objectives and started adding your 2025 CPD activities, reflection, and evidence.

The Board will be auditing 2024 and 2025 CPD in 2026.

If you have questions about CPD, please review the CPD policy and resource documents available on the Board's website: <https://chiropracticboard.org.nz/resources-and-publications/board-policies/> or contact leanne@chiropracticboard.org.nz.

WORLD FEDERATION OF CHIROPRACTIC

The April 2025 issue of the WFC Quarterly World Report can be viewed here - www.bit.ly/QWR2025B.



The WFC Global Patient Safety Initiative (GPSI) launched a research project to gather insights from chiropractic leaders on key challenges, gaps, success stories, and opportunities to enhance patient safety and safety culture within the profession.

WFC Research Committee want to know more about patient safety initiatives and needs in New Zealand. WFC invite all WFC Constituent Members to participate in this study.

The purpose of this study is to proactively address issues of patient safety related to the chiropractic profession and identify means by which avoidable harm may be reduced. WFC are doing this study to set an agenda for global patient safety initiatives over the next 5 years. More details about this study can be heard in a brief video by the principal investigators, Drs. Kent Stuber and Katie Pohlman.

Study Participation Steps:

- **Now through June 2025:** Watch the [brief introductory video](#) and complete the [Acknowledgment of Interest - Consent & Survey](#) (~10 minutes).

Opportunity to ask questions:

- **May 6th-10th, WFC Biennial Congress:** Ask questions about the study with the investigative team during the WFC's Biennial Congress. Specifically:
- After the **GPSI presentation at the WFC Assembly on May 6th**, the research team will be available to chat and setup time to discuss in more detail.
- Individual time can be scheduled via emailing research@parker.edu to schedule time.

After Acknowledgement of Interest is complete:

- **June through August 2025:** Review study materials and survey (60 minutes).
- **August through October 2025:** Participate in one group discussion to provide insights on study material survey findings (120 minutes).
- **November through December 2025:** Complete the Final Feedback Survey, summarizing key feedback (30 minutes).

WFC greatly appreciate your support in advancing this crucial initiative and look forward to your participation. Participation does include an incentive that is described in the consent linked above. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or recommendations – info@wfc.org.