

The Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand

Te Poari o nga Kaihaumanu Hinengaro o Aotearoa



December 2014

Welcome to the last Board Newsletter for 2014. This issue brings you up to date with some of the Board-related work since our last newsletter in September 2014.

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Board Christmas Hours

Board members would like to wish all psychotherapists a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year; enjoy the festive season with your friends and family!

The Board's office will be closed over Christmas from Monday 22nd December, reopening on Monday 5th January 2015.

Nominations for the Psychotherapists Board

Please note the Ministry's short timeframe.

The Minister of Health is seeking nominations and/or applications for the Psychotherapists Board (the Board). The Board is established under section 114

of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003. Its purpose is to protect the health and safety of members of the public by providing for mechanisms to ensure that psychotherapists are fit and competent to practise their profession.

The Minister is seeking applications for one psychotherapist member.

Nominations/applications close Wednesday 24th December 2014. To nominate someone, or to apply yourself, please go to the [Ministry of Health website vacancies health statutory bodies](#) page and follow the instructions provided on the website.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email the Ministry at appointments@moh.govt.nz

The decision to appoint Board members will be made by the Minister of Health and this appointments process is likely to continue for several months after the closing date.

Interim Psychotherapist Scope of Practice Reminder

There are currently 50 psychotherapists registered in the Interim Psychotherapist Scope of Practice. This is a reminder that:

- Acceptance into the Interim Psychotherapist Scope of Practice must be for the purpose of achieving registration in either the Psychotherapist Scope of Practice or the Psychotherapist Scope of Practice with Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist Specialism.

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- Practitioners can only remain in the Interim Psychotherapist Scope of Practice for 5 years.
- Each year practitioners acknowledge that they understand these requirements (during the APC renewal process).

Accreditation Committee Update

The Accreditation Committee continues to work on a draft structure for the accreditation of psychotherapy training programmes. It is anticipated that consultation will start mid 2015 with the initial consultation involving training providers. Following that, consultation will move wider involving training providers, practitioners, stakeholders and the public.

Meet the Board

Please note that the Board has moved the April meeting to the 10th and 11th April 2014.

The Board meeting dates and venues:

2015 February 15-16:	Wellington
2015 April 10-11:	Dunedin
2015 July 12-13:	Auckland
2015 September 4-5:	Auckland
2015 November 29-30:	Wellington

Practitioners are welcome to meet with Board members in Wellington. If you are intending to come along, please RSVP to registrar@pbanz.org.nz.

Date: Sunday 15th February 2015

Time: 4.30pm

Location: Level 10, 101 The Terrace,
Wellington