

# The Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand

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## September 2015

*Welcome to the fourth Board Newsletter for 2015. This issue brings you up to date with some of the Board related work since our last newsletter in June 2015.*

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### Board Appointments

The Board farewelled Judy Smyth in July; Judy had been a Board member since August 2011.

The Board is pleased to announce that Simon Hall<sup>1</sup> has been appointed to the Board. Information on Simon Hall will be available on the Board website shortly.

Members are pleased to advise that Carol Shinkfield and Suzanne Johnson have been reappointed.

### APC Renewal Open

Annual Practising Certificate (APC) renewal is open.

There are eight **(8)** working days left to renew your APC. Please login in and complete one of the three options below:

1. **Renew:** renew your APC;
2. **Non-practising:** retain your name on the Register as a non practising psychotherapist;

3. **Removal:** request to have your name removed from the Register of psychotherapists.

Please print the form at the end of the online process; obtain your supervisor's signature and return the form to the Registrar.

Forms can be returned via email, fax or mail.

**Psychotherapists cannot access the APC renewal form unless they complete the online section of the renewal process.**

### Consultation, Interim Psychotherapist Scope of Practice

The Board's consultation on the Interim Psychotherapist Scope of Practice has now closed. Following a review of the feedback the Board is pleased to advise that the feedback supported the change.

The Board will now move forward with gazetting the amended scopes of practice as consulted on.

The gazetted scopes of practice will be placed on the Board's website as soon as practicable.

### Accreditation Committee Update Tertiary Pathway:

The Board is currently consulting with Training Programme Providers on draft accreditation criteria. This *initial* consultation is related to the Tertiary Pathway to Registration only.

Wider consultation will be held as soon as practicable. This will involve

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programme providers, practitioners, stakeholders and the public.

The Board's Accreditation Committee is now considering possible methods of how the accreditation process will be structured. Consultation on the proposed method will occur in 2016.

## **Professional Development Pathway:**

The Accreditation Committee will begin work to develop accreditation criteria for the Professional Development Pathway as soon as practicable.

## **Educational Material**

Over the next 24 months the Board intends to develop educational fact sheets which it hopes will be useful.

These will relate to areas that practitioners may find helpful such as:

- Keeping records
- Informed consent

## **Recertification Audit**

The Board will be contacting practitioners selected for Recertification Audit in November and December.

Those selected will be asked to provide their:  
2014/2015 completed Recertification Plan;  
and their  
2015/2016 Recertification Plan.

Recertification Plans and any supporting documentation will need to be sent to the Registrar by the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016. These can be sent via email, fax or mail.

Audits will be carried out in February 2016. Practitioners will be advised of the results of their audit in March 2016.

If you have any questions please refer to the [Recertification and Audit](#) page on the Board's website or contact the Registrar on 04 9184727.

## **Professional Advisors – Expression of interest**

The Board is seeking expressions of interest from experienced psychotherapists to assess qualifications for registration against the Board's Comparable Qualifications Policy.

The role of Professional Advisor also includes other tasks which are outlined in the job description and terms of reference. These are located on the [Professional Advisor](#) page of the Board's website.

Please contact Eva (the Board's Registration Officer) with any questions.