

The Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand

Te Poari o nga Kaihaumanu Hinengaro o Aotearoa



September 2018

*Tēnā tātou katoa,
Nau mai haere mai ki te pānui a-marama.
He mihi maioha ki a koutou
Ko te tumanako kua ora katoa ō koutou whānau*

*Welcome to the Newsletter for this month.
Warm regards to you all at this time of the year.
We hope that you and your families are well.*

This issue brings you up to date with Board related work since our last newsletter in June 2018

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Annual Practising Certificate renewal

The 2018/2019 APC renewal process is now **open**.

As a reminder the APC Renewal steps are:

1. [Login](#) and complete the online section of the process.

Practitioners have three options:

- a) **Renew:** renew your APC;
 - b) **Non-Practising:** retain your name on the Register as a non-practising psychotherapist¹;
 - c) **Removal:** request to have your name removed from the Register of psychotherapists.
2. Print or save the form as a Word document at the end of the online process.
 3. Obtain your supervisor's signature and attestation that they have sighted and discussed your Recertification Plan and return the form to the Registrar.

¹ Non-practising means that you are not working. For example: on parental leave, on sick leave, on an extended holiday.

You can find further information on the APC renewal process on the Board's website under 'How to renew your Annual Practising Certificate'.

To meet your obligations as a psychotherapist please ensure you renew your Annual Practising Certificate before the 1st October 2018.

Recertification Audit update

The 2016-2017 audit is complete.

Thank you to all the psychotherapists who were engaged in the 2016-2017 Recertification Audit.

Practitioners will be selected for the 2017-2018 recertification audit towards the end of this year.

Updated audit tips are available on the [Recertification and Audit](#) page of the Board's Website.

Accreditation Standards for Psychotherapy Training Programmes – Training Provider Consultation

Thank you to all the training providers who were able to attend the facilitated Accreditation Standards meetings in Christchurch, Wellington and Auckland. Board representatives found those meetings valuable and appreciated the opportunity to listen to and talk face to face with attendees.

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Following the close of the recent consultation period the Board has received several written responses. These are now being considered by the Board and the Accreditation Committee.

The Board would like to thank training providers for their ongoing engagement in this important work.

As noted previously, wider consultation will take place as soon as practicable.

Interesting Links and Reminders

Role of an employer

All practising psychotherapists must hold a current Annual Practising Certificate (APC) to legally practise.

If your employee is unable to produce their current APC then check the Board [Register](#) or call the Board's Registrar to check on their registration status (04) 918 4727.

If an employee works part-time or only a few hours a week, they still must hold a current APC.

Any practitioner employed as a psychotherapist must be able to provide evidence of a current APC to their employer.

The APC year runs from 1st October-30th September.

Claro Law Training

Claro Law, who specialise in health legislation, is offering an online legal education resource about the New Zealand's health sector, called [Clarify](#). This is designed to help health professionals gain a better understanding of health law in New Zealand and may be of interest to psychotherapists.

Board Policies and Information Sheets

Please note that you can find some key Board policies on our website under the heading Board Policies. The Board also has a number of information sheets which you can find under the heading Resources/Publications: Information Sheets.

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Meet the Board

The next Board meeting is in Wellington on Friday 16 November 2018. The Board invites practitioners to meet with Board members (open forum). This is an opportunity to ask questions about recertification or current Board work, and to meet Board members and engage in conversation. If you intend to come along, please RSVP to registrar@pbanz.org.nz. A reminder will be sent closer to the time.

Date: Friday 16 November 2018

Time: 4.00pm – 5.00pm

Location: Level 7, 22 Willeston Street, Wellington

Nga mihi mahana,
Best wishes