

The Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand

Te Poari o nga Kaihaumanu Hinengaro o Aotearoa



April 2015

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

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Board Appointments

The Ministry of Health is currently accepting applications from practitioners interested in being a member of the Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand.

To find out more or apply to be a Board member please click [here](#).

The appointment process is managed through the Appointments Advisor at the Governance and Crown Entities (Ministry of Health). Appointments are made by the Minister of Health.

Consultation, Interim Psychotherapist Scope of Practice

The Board is now consulting on changes to the Interim Psychotherapist Scope of Practice wording. Specifically on *including* the 5 year time limit, already recognised by Board policy.

For further information and to provide feedback please review the Board's consultation document located on the Board's website under Resources and Publications; [current consultations](#).

Annual Report

The Board's Annual Report, year ending September 2014, is available on the Board's website under Resources and Publications; [Annual Report](#).

Accreditation Committee Update

The Accreditation Committee continues to work on a draft structure for the accreditation of psychotherapy training programmes. It is anticipated that initial consultation with *programme providers* will start late 2015.

Wider consultation will be held as soon as practicable. This will involve programme providers, practitioners, stakeholders and the public.

English Language Requirements Policy

Section 16(a) and (b) of the HPCAA requires the Board to ensure that a practitioner can communicate effectively in and comprehend English *prior* to **registration**. The International English Language Test System (IELTS) is used by the Board to help meet this requirement.

During the April meeting the Board reviewed and accepted changes to its English Language Requirements Policy. This new policy can be found on the Board's website under [Board Policies](#).

Office Move

The Board's lease at 101 The Terrace ends in June 2015. The Board will be moving premises and will provide an update once the new premise are finalised.

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The Board is still working towards combined back office functions and co-location with 10 other Regulatory Authorities and will continue to provide updates through its newsletter.

Meet the Board

The Board meeting dates and venues:

2015 July 12-13:	Auckland
2015 September 4-5:	Auckland
2015 November 29-30:	Wellington

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

Date: Sunday 12th July 2015

Time: 4.30pm

Location: Jet Park Hotel

<http://www.jetpark.co.nz/>