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Welcome to the 4th Board Newsletter of 2013. This issue brings you up to date with some of the Board-related work since our last newsletter in May

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Recertification and audit

A Recertification consultation was sent to practitioners and stakeholders on 17 May 2013. The consultation document incorporated a number of suggestions received from the initial consultation, and modifications to the original document.

After considering the responses, the Board agreed to go ahead with implementation of the recertification process in readiness for the 2014-2015 practising year.

Recertification will consist of 2 sections:

- Self-reflection
- Supervisor attestation

Practitioners will **not** be required to complete the recertification forms for the upcoming 2013-2014 practising year.

Please see the new page on our website under the heading 'For Psychotherapists', called 'Recertification and Audit', which gives details on the new process.

Please click [here](#) for details on the recertification and audit process.

Please click [here](#) for the self-reflection document.

Please click [here](#) for the supervisor attestation document.

Reduction in the annual practicing certificate (APC) fee

The Board recently held a consultation proposing to reduce APC fees for the forthcoming practising year.

An email was sent on 14 August to all practitioners advising of the reduction in the APC fees for the 2013-2014 practising year.

Please see the homepage on our website for details of the new fees.

Website open for APC renewals

APC renewal application forms are now available through your personal login. This will allow you to complete the renewal process before the new APC year begins on 1 October 2013.

Please note that if your application has not been received by the Board **on or before midnight 1 October**, your APC will have lapsed and you will not be legally entitled to work as a psychotherapist until you have been issued with a new APC. A late fee will also apply.

Accreditation Committee

The Accreditation Committee met on 12 August. The main focus was the development of a consultation document to be sent to programme providers for their comment. At this stage the broad areas that will be looked at are provider profile, graduate profile, and educational standards and measurements.

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The Board and the Accreditation Committee wish to clarify that the accreditation of programmes is not intended to be in place for the next academic year and any potential changes to existing programmes won't need to be in place this year.

The Board is pleased to announce that recently appointed Board member Suzanne Johnson, has agreed to join the Accreditation Committee and will attend the next meeting.

The date of this meeting is to be confirmed but is likely to be late October, and will be the final one for this year. There will be an update in the December newsletter 2013

Meeting dates and locations

The remaining 2013 Board meeting dates and locations are as follows:

- 20 & 21 September, Nelson
- 1 & 2 December, Wellington

Meet the Board, Nelson

You are welcome to come and meet Board members in Nelson after 4.30pm on Friday 20 September, at the Brook Room, Trailways Hotel, 66 Trafalgar St, Nelson.

Website Update

We now have a new item on the home page, called 'New on this site'. Please keep a look out for news or updates and links to relevant documents.

Vacancy on Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal (HPDT)

The Ministry of Health is currently advertising for psychotherapists to serve on the HPDT. Please click on the following link for more information.

<http://www.health.govt.nz/new-zealand-health-system/key-health-sector-organisations-and-people/appointments-health-statutory-bodies/vacancies-health-statutory->

[bodies/upcoming-vacancies-health-practitioners-disciplinary-tribunal-0](#)