

# DIETITIANS BOARD – DIETITIANS NZ

## Know the Difference



### DIETITIANS BOARD

Te Mana Mātanga Mātai Kai

#### PURPOSE



- Regulate dietetic practice under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003
- Protect public safety by ensuring dietitians are competent
- Act as the guardians of professional standards
- Engage and communicate with dietitians and the public on the role of the Board

#### STANDARDS OF PRACTICE



- Define what it is to be a dietitian
- Specify the Scope of Practice
- Describe the competencies for the Scope of Practice
- Prescribe qualifications and accredit university degrees leading to registration in the Scope of Practice
- Provide a Code of Ethics & Conduct for Dietitians and monitor compliance
- Monitor practice, prescribing and professional supervision
- Maintain a Register of Dietitians who are legally allowed to practise in New Zealand
- Issue Annual Practising Certificates to practitioners who meet recertification requirements

#### REGISTRATION



- Assess qualifications, fitness to practise and competence
- Dietitians wishing to practise dietetics in New Zealand (or be known as a dietitian) must, by law be **registered** with the Dietitians Board and **must** hold a current practising certificate.*



### Dietitians NZ

Ngā Pukenga Kai Ora o Aotearoa



#### PURPOSE



- Professional association for dietitians and associated professionals
- Networking & professional development opportunities
- Support & benefits to members
- Professional leadership & advocacy
- Nutrition related media activity

#### STANDARDS OF PRACTICE



- Dietitians NZ and its members must:
- Have **Relevance** in all outcomes and activities
  - Maintain **Credibility** – demonstrate leadership; act in a manner that promotes public trust & confidence; give meaning to Tiriti o Waitangi; be scientifically sound and maintain independence;
  - Uphold **Professionalism** – act in good faith; be consistent; deliver on agreed services; declare all interests and communicate clearly

#### MEMBER SERVICES



- Regional Branch membership (7 Branches)
- Special Interest Group membership (17 SIGs)
- Member-facing and public-facing website
- "Find a colleague" members directory
- Annual Awards & Grants
- Weekly e-Newsletter
- Bi-monthly News & Views Magazine
- Clinical e-Handbook
- Subsidised professional development opportunities
- Practice Based Evidence (PEN)
- Nutrition Care Process Terminology (NCPT) website

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### ANNUAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATES



**A Registered Dietitian MUST hold an APC each year if any of the following apply:**

- They use their knowledge and skills as a dietitian
- Their job description requires them to be a Registered Dietitian
- The position they are employed in requires that they are a health professional
- They refer to themselves as a dietitian (or representing in any manner that they are authorised to practise dietetics)
- They use their dietetic knowledge and skills in their job be it paid or unpaid, fulltime or part-time

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



- Set standards for continuing competence
- Monitor practitioner

engagement in a competence programme

*Participation in the Continuing Competence Programme by registered dietitians is a requirement for the continuing issue of Annual Practising Certificates.*

### COMPLAINTS NOTIFICATIONS OF COMPETENCE



- Receive, assess and manage complaints about the practise of individual dietitians
- Assess practitioner competence following receipt of Notification of Competence

*If a dietitian fails to meet the Board's standards or has a health issue they may have to have supervision, undergo a competency programme or have conditions imposed on their Scope of Practice.*

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### MEMBER SERVICES continued



- Media Guidelines
- Supervision Guidelines
- Integrated Knowledge Career Framework (diabetes)
- Networking opportunities
- Facebook forum – closed group
- Discounted rates on professional indemnity insurance
- Advertising opportunities
- Discounted rates to join Dietitians Association Australia
- Use of Dietitians NZ logo
- Library resource service

### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



- Dietitians NZ provides professional development opportunities through its National Office, Branches and Special Interest Groups (SIGs):
- Annual National Meeting / Conference
- Regular regional Branch education sessions
- Special interest group education sessions

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