



Dietitians Board

Te Mana Mātanga Mātai Kai

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Newsletter to Practitioners

Protecting the health and safety of the New Zealand Public
Promoting and enhancing the wellbeing of New Zealanders by ensuring dietitians practise safely, competently and effectively

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Tēnā koutou & welcome to the August 2017 Newsletter

The Board is very happy to report there are presently 669 Registered Dietitians holding a current APC working in New Zealand, practising across a wide breadth of dietetic practice, and approximately 200 Registered Non-Practising. This is the highest number of practising dietitians there has ever been. New registrations are still rolling in from recent graduates and overseas practitioners, along with APC renewals and Return to Practice applications, so the office is extremely busy processing and advising.

DIETITIANS BOARD VALUES

The Board continues to meet its obligations under the HPCA Act 2003 with a Right Touch Regulation approach and is continually reviewing and revising policy to ensure its regulation of the profession protects the health and safety of the New Zealand public by ensuring registered dietitians are competent and fit to practise.

At the August Board meeting the Board's Values and Principles were updated:

VALUES

- ❖ Professional - In all of our work we will adhere to the principles of fairness, consistency and transparency.
- ❖ Integrity - Our way of working will be honest, ethical and respectful.
- ❖ Fairness - We will abide by the process of natural justice.
- ❖ Excellence - We strive for effective best-practice governance and continuous quality improvement.
- ❖ Kaitiaki – We work responsibly for the guardianship of the professional standards.

PRINCIPLES

- ❖ Uncompromising commitment to public safety
- ❖ Consistent, fair, reasonable and transparent processes
- ❖ Accountable to the public, the Minister of Health and the profession
- ❖ Effective, best practice governance

DATABASE INFORMATION UPDATE

The office is currently updating the database and the information held about each Registered Dietitian to ensure the Board can access accurate practitioner and workforce data to assist in developing Professional Standards and Competencies for Dietitians, Accreditation Standards and workforce intelligence.

Please help keep our database current by:

- ❖ Updating your contact details via the portal
- ❖ Updating your employer and workplace details via the portal
- ❖ Checking you have declared your correct ethnicity – advise the Board if you wish to make an amendment
- ❖ Advising the Board of all your dietetic qualifications (send in a certified copy of any qualification that you wish to be added to your record – check your entry in the Register to see what is already recorded).

Should you have any questions about information held by the Board or about registration, holding an APC, MyCCP or supervision please contact the Boards office and talk to Sue & Lucy – they are happy to assist you meet your regulatory obligations.

MyCCP 2017/2018

If you haven't already, the Board recommends you access the MyCCP platform for the 2017/2018 practising year and begin logging your goals and activities. The Board encourages you to enter/log your activities and reflections as the year progresses.

The new MyCCP Platform enables practitioners to log goals and activities in a more intuitive fashion and upload professional development activities in a timelier manner with the ability to withdraw for editing.

There have been some platform 'tweaks' to word counts in the boxes and file size uploads along with the addition of an activity start/finish date field. We are continually improving the MyCCP platform so do please let us know if you have any good ideas that might streamline user experience – we will see what we can do to incorporate them!

MyCCP AUDIT

A reminder that the Board recently approved a change to the Audit timeframe. This will no doubt be welcomed by practitioners. The date for Audit submission will be 31 March of each year. This enables practitioners to complete professional development over a full 12 months.

Practitioners selected for Audit will be advised in October/November of each year. The process of selection is randomized with the exception of those who have conditions on their scope of practice or who have been previously advised of audit requirements by the Board.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS & COMPETENCIES *for* DIETITIANS

The Professional Standards and Competencies *for* Dietitians has moved through the first phase of consultation and is currently being refined and enhanced based on feedback. Thanks to the practitioners who engaged with Phase #1.

The Board will soon be seeking input from the wider stakeholder group including practitioners, employers, training programmes, and other stakeholders through an online Survey Monkey.

The revised and updated document consists of statements that describe the standards and competence required for initial registration and continuing practise as a dietitian in New Zealand. It has been developed following consideration of international and national professional standards across a variety of professions and reflects current and future competencies and standards. There are five integrated themes which collectively describe the characteristics of a competent Registered Dietitian.

The Board encourages you to engage with the consultation process during September and October.

POLICY UPDATES

The Board has recently reviewed policy regarding the period of time within which the Board requires New Zealand graduates and overseas trained dietitians to register with the Board and to apply for a first annual practising certificate (APC).

The Board has also revised current policy concerning practitioners return to practice after a period of time out of the dietetic workforce.

It is important you are aware of the updates and changes. Please refer to the Boards website under [Policy and Guidelines](#) for further information.

DIETITIANS DAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2017

Dietitians Day is this year being run collaboratively with Dietitians Association of Australia and the Asian Federation of Dietetic Associations, and is centred around ***pride of the profession.***

The Board wishes dietitians engaging in this celebratory day the best of luck in highlighting the work they do and promoting their profession to the public and other health professionals.

#ProudToSupportDietitians #DietitiansDay #DietitiansNZ2017

BOARD MEETINGS 2017 and 2018

The last Board meeting for **2017** will be held on 9th and 10th November
During **2018** the Board meetings will be held:

February – 15th & 16th

May - TBC

August – 16th

November – 8th & 9th

If you have any matters you would like to raise with the Board at their meeting please contact the Board's office at least 15 days prior to the meeting to ensure it can be added to the agenda.

DIETITIANS NZ NATIONAL MEETING

Sue and Lucy will be attending this meeting and look forward to meeting those of you who attend. Please do come and visit the Board's stand – it will be great to put some faces to names and answer any questions you may have.



Nga mihi nui



Sandy Clemett Chair of the Board - ***Sue Domanski*** Registrar