



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 November 2017 Newsletter

The Board has recently held its final meeting for the calendar year and is pleased with the progress around key projects. The number of current APC holders continues to increase and there are now currently 680 Registered Practising Dietitians working around New Zealand.

NEW STAFF

The Board welcomes a new Registration Officer to the Secretariat following Lucy Moulard's departure to her new role as Historian with the Office of Treaty Settlements. Helen Whittaker began on 25 October and is settling into the position well. Helen has a background in working for a professional body of a regulated healthcare profession and brings some valuable skills and attributes to the role. She has over 20 years' experience as a senior administrator and has recently arrived from the UK with her husband and two young children.

PRACTITIONER INFORMATION UPDATE

Help keep your details 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).
- ❖ Ensuring your current role is up to date and informative to auditors and supervisors

Please Note: if you are one of the 250,000 or so people who have a Vodaphone, Clear or Paradise email address you need to make a change as this service will be turned off on November 30 2017.

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MyCCP AUDIT SELECTION

Practitioners selected for audit have now been advised. The process of selection is randomised with the exception of those who have been previously advised of audit requirements by the Board.

A reminder to all practitioners that the Board recently approved a change to the Audit timeframe. The date for audit submission is now 31 March of each year. This enables practitioners to complete professional development over a full 12 months.

DIETITIAN – REGISTERED HEALTH PRACTITIONER

The Board's Secretariat has developed some excellent resources that are available from the Board's office and through its website to provide more information around being a Registered Health Practitioner under the HPCA Act. These include a comprehensive document explaining the two processes governed by separate statutory provisions under the HPCA Act that enable practitioners to practise legally in New Zealand as a dietitian – an algorithm has also been developed to further clarify the process. In addition a "Know the Difference" flyer, which explains the difference between the Board and Dietitians NZ, the professional body. Check them out [HERE](#).

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Prescriber Annual MOODLE update

The Prescriber Annual MOODLE update is available [HERE](#) and must be successfully completed by all dietitians with the Prescriber Endorsement before you renew your APC in March 2018. Don't leave it until the last minute!

e-learning modules on health professionals' legal and ethical obligations

Claro Law, a New Zealand specialist health sector law firm, has developed a suite of e-learning modules for health professionals to learn about their legal obligations, and reduce risk to themselves and their patients/clients.

This is a useful professional development opportunity to assist in meeting your annual continuing competence requirements. Modules contain quality legal education that includes interactive knowledge reviews and a final assessment to gain access to a certificate of completion. www.clarify.co.nz

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS & COMPETENCIES *for* DIETITIANS

The Professional Standards and Competencies *for* Dietitians has now moved through the second phase of consultation with further refinement based on feedback. The Board has considered the revised document and signed it off for publication at its recent Board meeting.

The Professional Standards and Competencies *for* Dietitians describe the minimum standards and competence required to practise as a dietitian in New Zealand. They are the standards that uphold a dietitian's professional credibility to the public and other health professionals and act as a reference for the Dietitians Board in exercising its statutory functions.

The Professional Standards and Competencies *for* Dietitians have been developed following consideration of international and national professional standards across a variety of professions. They are designed for a dietetic

workforce with increasingly diverse roles in health and other sectors.

Thanks to all the practitioners who engaged with this process and provided responses.

ANNUAL REPORT

The Board's Annual Report is now available [HERE](#). 2016 was a busy and productive year with excellent outcomes on significant projects. The Board worked on substantiating its regulatory work, was reflective of its commitment to protecting the public, and further developed robust standards and policies to ensure they are current and fit for purpose.

Board members, assessors, auditors, supervisors, and other contracted positions contribute a wide variety of skills and expertise to the Board regulatory work and the Board is very appreciative of the work they all do. The Board is also grateful to stakeholders such as Dietitians New Zealand, Massey University, the University of Auckland, the University of Otago and the Dietitians Association Australia – the willingness to collaborate and the collegiality shown on a number of projects is greatly appreciated.

The Board has a full programme of projects and new initiatives for the upcoming year. We look forward to working with practitioners and stakeholders to progress these.

ACCREDITATION STANDARDS

The Board is currently revising the Accreditation Standards for Dietetic Training Programmes in New Zealand. Accreditation Standards are the standards by which the Board accredits the 3 training programmes currently provided in New Zealand.

The Board's Secretariat has undertaken a robust review of frameworks applied both nationally and internationally by other Regulatory and Accrediting bodies across a variety of health professions. Current best practice indicates an outcome-based approach is recommended over an input or process-based (except where it is essential for quality assurance).

Outcome-based accreditation standards and processes are better placed to encourage excellence and innovation in the education of health care practitioners. With outcome-based assessment, the education provider is responsible for responding to changes in healthcare, technology and innovation to produce graduates with the knowledge, skills and professional attributes necessary to practise the profession.

Accreditation Standards for Dietetic Training Programmes and the Accreditation Process and Guidelines will go out for initial consultation in March 2018 with a view for implementation of the revised Accreditation Standards by training programmes by January 2020.

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

The Board is seeking feedback on how it engages with practitioners and other stakeholders with an interest in dietetics. Please take some time to provide some feedback; it should only take 5-10 minutes to complete and aims to find out:

- How well practitioners and other stakeholders understand who we are and what we do

- How practitioners interact with the Dietitians Board
- What we can do better and ideas for how we might improve
- How practitioners and other stakeholders rate the Boards performance

Your participation and contribution is important to us. Please click [here](#) to do the survey.

BOARD MEETINGS 2018

During **2018** Board meetings will be held:

February – 15th & 16th

May – 17th & 18th

August – 16th

November – 8th & 9th

If you have a matter 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.

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 & Helen – they are happy to assist you meet your regulatory obligations.



Nga mihi nui



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