



This form is to be used by registered psychologists who are applying for one of the following vocational scopes of practice. (Applications for the Neuropsychologist scope must be made on the forms designated for that purpose.)

The New Zealand Psychologists Board urges all psychologists to carefully consider the implications of holding a vocational scope of practice before making application. Psychologists are bound by their Code of Ethics to practise only in those areas in which they are demonstrably competent, and to maintain competence in their area(s) of practice.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration No: 90-\_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION

Vocational Scope of Practice you are applying for:

**Clinical Psychologist**       **Counselling Psychologist**       **Educational Psychologist**

### 1. Are you currently registered in the "Psychologist" scope of practice?

- (a) **NO** You must be registered in the Psychologist scope before applying for a vocational scope of practice. Please contact the Board's Deputy Registrar or refer to our website for details ([www.psychologistsboard.org.nz](http://www.psychologistsboard.org.nz)).
- (b) **YES** [Go to 2](#)

### 2. Do you hold a New Zealand Post-Graduate Diploma relevant to the vocational scope of practice you are applying for?

- (a) **NO** [Go to 3](#)
- (b) **YES** Please attach a certified copy of the qualification or a full academic transcript to this application. [Go to 5](#)

### 3. Do you hold qualification(s) that you wish the Board to consider as equivalent to the relevant New Zealand Post-Graduate Diploma?

- (a) **NO** [Go to 4](#)
- (b) **YES** Please submit evidence of equivalence as specified on the attached scopes qualification information. [Go to 5](#)

### 4. It does not appear that you qualify for this Vocational Scope of Practice. Please contact the Board's Registrar if you still wish to pursue your application. An individual assessment may be granted in some circumstances.

### 5. Have there been any competence notifications or complaints about you or your work in New Zealand or in any other country?

- (a) **NO** [Go to 6](#)
- (b) **YES** Please attach the following details to this application:
- Who the competence notification or complaint was made to (e.g., the HDC, the Psychologists Board, your employer);
  - When the competence notification or complaint was made, and when it was concluded;
  - What type of investigation into the notification or complaint took place;

- What was the outcome of the notification or complaint (e.g., no further action, competence review, disciplinary measures, suspension.)

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**6. Please sign this form and submit all three pages of it along with the appropriate application fee and the following supporting documents (as applicable):**

- (a) A certified copy of your academic qualification or transcript;
- (b) Evidence of qualification equivalence;
- (c) Details of any current or past competence notifications or complaints.

**DECLARATION MADE ON APPLICATION FOR A VOCATIONAL SCOPE OF PRACTICE**

**If the following declaration is made in New Zealand, it must be made before a person entitled under the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957 to take such declarations (e.g., a Justice of the Peace, Solicitor, Notary Public, Registrar or Deputy Registrar of the High Court or any District Council, authorised officer in the service of the Crown, or any member of Parliament). Please carefully consider the declaration before you sign it.**

**I SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY DECLARE THAT:**

1. All of the information provided with this application is true and correct in every particular and detail;
2. I will provide the Psychologists Board with any such further information as it may require;
3. I am fit for registration as defined under Section 16 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 and I know of no information that could cause the Psychologists Board not to be satisfied that I am of good character and reputation and am a fit and proper person to be registered;
4. I do not have a mental or physical condition that precludes me functioning as a safe and competent practitioner;
5. I believe I qualify for the scope of practice that I seek to be registered within, and that I am competent to practice within that scope of practice.
6. Having considered carefully the rights and responsibilities it will impose, I wish to formally apply for the (delete as required) **CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST / COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGIST / EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST** vocational scope of practice, and have appended hereto the required evidence of my competence in this area of practice. I authorise the Psychologists Board to contact my psychology supervisor.

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full Name of Applicant) (Signature of Applicant)

Postal Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Declared at: \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_\_

In the presence of: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full Name and Signature of person authorised to take a Statutory Declaration)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE FOR APPLICANTS: Applications will not be processed by the Psychologists Board until payment has been received and they are otherwise declared complete by the Registrar.**

## APPLICATION FEE

The full and correct application fee must accompany this application form. The fee is non-refundable whatever the outcome of the application. The Board's GST number is 73-081-238.

**Cheques and bank drafts** must be in New Zealand dollars and made out to "Psychologists Board".

**Payment by credit card:** Please debit my  Visa or  MasterCard - the amount of **either**:

**NZ\$412.00 (including GST) – if you completed your training as a psychologist in New Zealand, Canada, South Africa, the United Kingdom, or the United States of America.**

**NZ\$553.00 (including GST) – if you completed your training as a psychologist in any other country.**

Card number

Expiry date

Cardholder's name \_\_\_\_\_ Cardholder's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATION FORMS TO	ENQUIRIES TO
New Zealand Psychologists Board  Post PO Box 9644 Marion Square Wellington 6141 New Zealand  Courier Level 5 22 Willeston Street Wellington 6011 New Zealand	New Zealand Psychologists Board  Telephone (64 4) 471 4580 0800 471 4580  Email: <a href="mailto:registration@nzpb.org.nz">registration@nzpb.org.nz</a>

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	Date paid						



# SCOPES OF PRACTICE AND QUALIFICATIONS

For psychologists registered in New Zealand  
under the HPCA Act 2003

## SCOPES OF PRACTICE AND PRESCRIBED QUALIFICATIONS

1. **“Psychologist”** - A psychologist within a general scope is defined as rendering or offering to render to individuals, groups, organisations or the public any psychological service involving the application of psychological knowledge, principles, methods and procedures of understanding, predicting ameliorating or influencing behaviour, affect or cognition. Such practice is undertaken within an individual’s area and level of expertise and with due regard to ethical, legal, and Board-prescribed standards.

The following qualifications are prescribed for registration in the Psychologist scope of practice;

A minimum of a Masters degree in Psychology from an accredited<sup>1</sup> educational organisation, or an equivalent qualification. Eligibility for a general scope of practice requires a Board approved practicum or internship involving 1500 hours of supervised practice.

2. **“Intern Psychologist”** - An intern psychologist within a special purpose scope is defined as rendering or offering to render to individuals, groups, organisations or the public any psychological service involving the application of psychological knowledge, principles, methods and procedures of understanding, predicting ameliorating or influencing behaviour, affect or cognition. Such practice is undertaken within an individual’s area and level of expertise and with due regard to ethical, legal, and Board-prescribed standards.

An Intern Psychologist scope of practice may be granted to applicants:

- who have completed formal academic studies that have provided them with the foundation competencies required for safe practice in a supervised internship setting and who are enrolled in a Board-accredited post graduate diploma or doctoral course of studies.

3. **“Trainee Psychologist”** - A trainee psychologist within a special purpose scope is defined as rendering or offering to render to individuals, groups, organisations or the public any psychological service involving the application of psychological knowledge, principles, methods and procedures of understanding, predicting ameliorating or influencing behaviour, affect or cognition. Such practice is undertaken within an individual’s area and level of expertise and with due regard to ethical, legal, and Board-prescribed standards.

A Trainee Psychologist scope of practice may be granted to applicants:

- who have completed formal academic qualifications that have provided the foundation competencies required for safe practice in a supervised setting and who are entering board-approved supervised practice for the purpose of achieving full registration.

## VOCATIONAL SCOPES OF PRACTICE AND PRESCRIBED QUALIFICATIONS

4. **“Clinical Psychologist”** - Clinical Psychologists apply psychological knowledge and theory derived from research to the area of mental health and development, to assist children, young persons, adults and their families with emotional, mental, developmental or behavioural problems by using psychological assessment, formulation and diagnosis based on biological, social and psychological factors, and applying therapeutic interventions using a scientist-practitioner approach. Such practice is undertaken within an individual’s area and level of expertise and with due regard to ethical, legal, and Board-prescribed standards.

The following qualifications have been prescribed for registration as a psychologist in the Clinical Psychologist scope of practice;

A minimum of a Masters degree in Psychology from an accredited educational organisation and an accredited Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology, or equivalent qualification. Eligibility for a clinical psychology scope of practice shall require a Board approved practicum or internship involving 1500 hours of supervised practice.

5. **“Counselling Psychologist”** - Counselling Psychologists apply psychological knowledge and theory derived from research to the area of client empowerment and enhancement, to assist children, young persons, adults and their families with personal, social, educational, and vocational functioning by using psychological assessments and interventions, and preventative approaches that acknowledge ecological, developmental and phenomenological dimensions. Such practice is undertaken within an individual’s area and level of expertise and with due regard to ethical, legal, and Board-prescribed standards.

<sup>1</sup> “Accredited” here and in subsequent references means accreditation of the educational organisation, or an educational course, by the New Zealand Psychologists Board for the purpose of registering psychologists.

The following qualifications have been prescribed for registration as a psychologist in the Counselling Psychologist scope of practice;

A minimum of a Master's degree in psychology from an accredited educational organisation and an accredited Postgraduate Diploma in Counselling Psychology, or equivalent qualification. Eligibility for a counselling psychologist scope of practice shall require a Board approved practicum or internship involving 1500 hours of supervised practice.

6. **“Educational Psychologist”** - Educational Psychologists apply psychological knowledge and theory derived from research to the area of learning and development, to assist children, young persons, adults and their families regarding their learning, academic performance, behavioural, social and emotional development, by using psychological and educational assessments and applying interventions using systemic, ecological and developmental approaches. Such practice is undertaken within an individual's area and level of expertise and with due regard to ethical, legal, and Board-prescribed standards.

The following qualifications have been prescribed for registration as a psychologist in the Educational Psychologist scope of practice;

A minimum of a Masters degree in psychology<sup>2</sup> from an accredited educational organisation and an accredited Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Psychology, or equivalent qualification. Eligibility for an educational scope of practice shall require a Board approved practicum or internship involving 1500 hours of supervised practice.

7. **“Neuropsychologist”** - Neuropsychologists apply scientific understanding of the relationship between the brain and neuropsychological function within applied clinical contexts. This approach forms the basis for the assessment, formulation, and rehabilitation of people who have sustained brain injuries or other neurological conditions. Neuropsychologists work with people of all ages who have neurological problems such as traumatic brain injury, stroke, epilepsy, toxic and metabolic disorders, brain tumours, and neurodegenerative diseases. Such practice is undertaken within an individual's area and level of expertise and with due regard to ethical, legal, and Board-prescribed standards.

The following qualifications have been prescribed for registration as a psychologist in the Neuropsychologist scope of practice;

A minimum of a Master's degree in Psychology from an accredited educational organisation and an accredited Postgraduate Diploma in neuropsychology, or equivalent qualification. Eligibility for the Neuropsychologist scope of practice shall require a Board-approved practicum or internship involving no less than 1500 hours of supervised practice.

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<sup>2</sup> A Master's degree in Education may be considered equivalent to a Master's degree in psychology where its content is sufficiently educational psychology in nature.