



ACCREDITATION REPORT:

VICTORIA UNIVERSITY OF WELLINGTON POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY PRACTICE (PGDipHlthPsychPrac)

Introduction:

It is a function of the New Zealand Psychologists Board to prescribe the qualifications required for scopes of practice within the profession, and, for that purpose, to accredit and monitor educational institutions and degrees, courses of studies, or programmes [refer s 118(a) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003]. On 2 November 2011 the Board delegated its powers under section 118(a) of the Act to accredit educational institutions and degrees, courses of studies, or programmes to the Accreditation Committee. Applications for accreditation are assessed with reference to the relevant sections of the Board's prescribed *Standards and Procedures for the Accreditation of Qualifications Leading to Registration as a Psychologist in New Zealand* [the *Standards*] document (current version).

Date of Application:

Victoria University of Wellington lodged an expression of interest in gaining accreditation of a new programme, the Post Graduate Diploma in Health Psychology Practice (PGDipHlthPsychPrac), in January 2022, with a view to graduates being eligible to register in the Psychologist scope of practice. The Accreditation Committee considered the initial submission and invited Victoria University of Wellington to submit a full accreditation application, initially for consideration for provisional accreditation. Victoria University of Wellington's application was received in April 2022.

Date of Decision:

9 May 2022

Decision:

Victoria University of Wellington's PGDipHlthPsychPrac course of study has been granted provisional accreditation with graduates eligible to apply for registration in the Psychologist scope of practice. In accordance with the *Standards*, a full accreditation assessment, including a site visit by a Board-appointed Assessment Team, will occur once the first cohort of students is eligible for graduation, anticipated to be in January 2024.

Provisional Accreditation current until:

31 March 2024.¹

On behalf of the Accreditation Committee,

Kylie Hooper
General Manager/Registrar

31 May 2022

¹ The Board reserves the right to revisit a course granted provisional accreditation subject to periodic reporting requirements.