



**ACCREDITATION DECISION:
NEW ZEALAND DEFENCE FORCE FOR
RE-ACCREDITATION OF THEIR SUPERVISION TO REGISTRATION TRAINING SCHEME**

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* document (current version).

Date of Application:

The New Zealand Defence Force lodged an application for re-accreditation of their Supervision to Registration Training Scheme with the Board on 5th December 2018.

Dates of Site Visit:

The site visit was conducted on 12-14th February 2020.

Date of Board Decision:

7th May 2021

Decision:

That the Accreditation Committee (operating under delegation);

- ***Grant the New Zealand Defence Force's Supervision to Registration Training Scheme accreditation with reference to the Psychologist scope of practice, for a period of seven years to 10th December 2026. The Committee request that their first routine monitoring report due on 11 July 2022 report on:***
 - ***their consideration of incorporating external supervisors (including Māori supervisors/mentors) to provide trainees with broader perspectives in their training;***
 - ***their consideration of a more systematic role for cultural advisors; and***
 - ***the NZDF's review of their examination material to ensure it aligns with graduate level psychology.***

Accreditation current until:

10 December 2026¹

On behalf of the Accreditation Committee,

Dr Elliot Bell, Committee Chair 11 May 2021

¹ It should be noted that the Board reserves the right to revisit a course granted accreditation subject to periodic reporting requirements.

Update:

The Accreditation Committee noted the 2-year routine report provided by New Zealand Defence Force's Supervision to Registration Training Scheme and resolved to accept the report and to ask that their 4-year routine report comment on:

- accessibility of the Māori cultural advisors and if they are being utilised.
- If there has been any progress on a more sustainable model.

Accreditation current until:

10 December 2026²

On behalf of the Board,



Gina Giannios
Pouroki Tuarua - Deputy Registrar

30 August 2022

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