



**Te Poari Kaimātai
Hinengaro o Aotearoa**

NEW ZEALAND PSYCHOLOGISTS BOARD

**ACCREDITATION REPORT:
THE UNIVERSITY OF OTAGO'S
POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN NEUROPSYCHOLOGY
(PGDipNeuropsych)**

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:

The University of Otago lodged an expression of interest in gaining accreditation of a new programme, the Post Graduate Diploma in Neuropsychology (PGDipNeuropsych), in May 2022, with a view to graduates being eligible to register in the Neuropsychologist scope of practice. The Accreditation Committee considered the initial submission and invited Otago University to submit a full accreditation application, initially for consideration for provisional accreditation. The University of Otago's application was received in January 2023.

Date of Decision:

27 February 2023

Decision:

The University of Otago's PGDipNeuropsych course of study has been granted provisional accreditation with graduates eligible to apply for registration in the Neuropsychologist 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 2026.

Provisional Accreditation current until:

31 May 2026.¹

On behalf of the Accreditation Committee,

A blue ink signature of Gina Giannios, written in a cursive style.

Gina Giannios
Pouroki Tuarua/Deputy Registrar

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