



## ACCREDITATION DECISION:

### UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND'S DOCTOR OF CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY & POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA IN CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY

#### 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 University of Auckland lodged an application for re-accreditation of their Doctor of Clinical Psychology (**DClinPsych**) and the Post Graduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology (**PGDipClinPsych**) training programmes with the Board on 4 September 2017.

#### Dates of Site Visit:

The site visit was conducted on 16-17<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

#### Date of Board Decision:

18<sup>th</sup> March 2020

#### Decision:

***That the Accreditation Committee (operating under delegation):***

- ***Grant Auckland University's DClinPsych and PGDipClinPsych courses of study accreditation in reference to the Clinical Psychologist scope of practice for an initial period of three years to 18 August 2021, but extendable to seven years contingent on their first routine monitoring report due by 1<sup>st</sup> November 2020 outlining:***
  - ***Clear progress on providing students with a safe channel through which they can make suggestions about the programme. This applies to both Māori & non-Māori students.***
  - ***That an external academic examiner has been added to final examination panels.***
  - ***Steps taken to provide adequate support (pastoral, supervisory & teaching) to the large number of Māori students in the programme.***

#### Accreditation current until:

18 August 2021

On behalf of the Accreditation Committee,

Ann Connell, Committee Chair  
20 March 2020

**Update:**

On 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020, the Accreditation Committee (under delegation) resolved to extend the accreditation of the University of Auckland's DClinPsych and PGDipClinPsych courses of study to 18 August 2025.

**Accreditation current until:**

18 August 2025<sup>1</sup>

On behalf of the Accreditation Committee,



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Elliot Bell, Committee Chair  
28 January 2021

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