



# Te Poari Kaimātai Hinengaro o Aotearoa

NEW ZEALAND PSYCHOLOGISTS BOARD

## ACCREDITATION DECISION:

### UNIVERSITY OF WAIKATO'S POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN THE PRACTICE OF PSYCHOLOGY (APPLIED BEHAVIOUR ANALYSIS) [PGDipPracPsych(ABA)]

#### 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 Waikato lodged an application for re-accreditation of their Post Graduate Diploma in the Practice of Psychology (Applied Behaviour Analysis) [PGDipPracPsych(ABA)] training programme with the Board on 23 January 2018.

#### Dates of Site Visit:

The site visit was conducted on 24-26 June 2018.

#### Date of Board Decision:

8 April 2020

#### Decision:

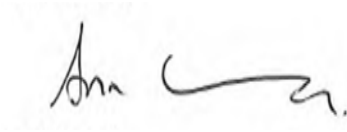
*That the Accreditation Committee (operating under delegation):*

- ***Grant the University of Waikato's PGDipPracPsych(ABA) course of study accreditation with reference to the Psychologist scope of practice, for a period of three years to February 2021 extendable to seven years contingent on their first routine monitoring report due on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2020 satisfactorily addressing all not met and partially met standards highlighted in the AT report and listed below:***
  - ***Standards: 1.1.1, 1.1.2 and 1.2.1,***
  - ***Standards: 2.1.3, 2.4.1, 2.4.2 and 2.4.3.***
  - ***Standard: 3.1.1.***
  - ***Standards: 4.1.1 and 4.1.2.***
  - ***Standard: 5.1.1***
  - ***Standard: 6.2.1.***
  - ***Standards: 7.1.1, 7.1.2, 7.2.1 and 7.3.1***
  - ***Standards: 9.1 and 9.2.***

**Accreditation current until:**

8 February 2021

On behalf of the Accreditation Committee,



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Ann Connell, Committee Chair  
30 April 2020

**Update:**

On 1<sup>st</sup> February 2021 the Accreditation Committee (under delegation) resolved to extend the accreditation of University of Waikato's PGDipPracPsych(ABA) course of study to 8 February 2023, with a 4-year routine report required addressing the above-mentioned standards.

**Accreditation current until:**

8 February 2023<sup>1</sup>

On behalf of the Accreditation Committee,



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Dr Elliot Bell, Committee Chair  
14 April 2021

**Update:**

At its meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023, the Accreditation Committee resolved to extend the accreditation of the PGDipPracPsych(ABA) training programme delivered by University of Waikato until 30 June 2024.

This will allow the Board to ensure a full accreditation process has been completed and that in the meantime the training programme is still accredited in order to continuing teaching the interns.

On behalf of the Board,



Gina Giannios  
Pouroki Tuarua - Deputy Registrar

11 December 2023

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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.