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Nō te Taumata | Note from the Chief Executive/Registrar

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Last week our Secretariat | Tari Hekeretari transitioned to a new operating system with great success. As a result, the September Pānui has a fresh new look.

The new system means that you may be receiving this issue if you have unsubscribed in the past. We invite you to manage your email preferences with us again by clicking the relevant links at the bottom of this issue and deciding which content you wish to receive from us.

Ngā mihi nui,

Vanessa Simpson

Chief Executive/Registrar | Tumuaki/Pouroki

He Pūrongo Matua | Priority News

Release of survey and consultation data on the Psychology Assistant Scope of Practice

The NZPB followed a process of surveys and analysis with stakeholders and the profession before commencing work on the design of the Psychology Assistant scope and competencies. All consultations are now closed, a copy of the Board's updated decision statement can be found [HERE](#).

Consumer Survey – In December 2024 the Board released a survey to gather feedback from consumers of psychological services. This survey was analysed by Nicholson Consulting and data was used by the NZPB Project Team to assist with scope and competency design work, as well as by the Board in their final decision making. A copy of the survey analysis report is [HERE](#).

Supervision Survey – In February 2025 the Board released a survey for psychologists to gather information about supervision provision. This survey asked questions about current practice and caseloads, as well as supervisors' thoughts and willingness to provide supervision to the proposed role of Psychology Assistants. The data from this survey was used by the project team in the design work on developing proposed options for supervision requirements. The outcome data was also presented to the Board and formed part of the information used in their decision making. A copy of the survey analysis report is [HERE](#).

Full Consultation – The full consultation ran between 05 May and 16 June 2025. This presented the draft scope and competencies document, supervision requirement options and possible scope title options, with a request for feedback. The data was analysed by Nicholson Consulting with data used by the project team for refining the draft scope, competencies and supervision requirement options. The outcome data was presented to the Board and formed part of the information that was used in their decision making. A copy of the full survey outcome report is [HERE](#).

Consultation To Come – The Board will be completing an additional brief consultation on the prescribed qualifications for the Psychology Assistant scope. The Tertiary Education Organisations are currently working on designing their training programmes, they will be presenting their content to the NZPB for application for provisional accreditation. Following this there will be a public consultation on the prescribed qualifications. The Board will give advanced notice of this phase of consultation and encourage all stakeholders to participate.

Psychology Assistant Scope of Practice and Competencies

The final document approved by the Board can be found [HERE](#).

Be aware of illegitimate email addresses

The Board has been informed of a concerning email sent to a practitioner from an address created to appear as if it was from the Board. The Board asks practitioners to be on the lookout for any messages which seem unusual and check the source of the email. Practitioners are welcome to check with the Board if there is any uncertainty, and recommends checking the [Netsafe website](#) for further guidance about staying safe online.

Christchurch Practitioner Evening

Due to unforeseen circumstances (unavailability of suitable venues) we have made the unfortunate decision to cancel this event scheduled for next month.

He Aha Ngā Mea Hou? | What's New?

Child Protection Training

Audrey Sonerson, Director-General of Health has requested the attached document is uploaded to our website. You can find it [HERE](#).

He Hui-a-Poari-a-te-Marama | Dates of next Board Meeting

15th - 16th October

10th December

Be Involved | Opportunities

For opportunities to be involved with our mahi and other projects in the sector, please click [HERE](#). Your engagement helps shape the future of psychology in Aotearoa.

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