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Nō te Taumata | Note from the Chief Executive/Registrar

Kia ora koutou and welcome to the February 2026 edition of Pānui

This edition of Pānui outlines several important updates that will shape how you interact with the Board over the coming year. Over the next few months you will see:

- A move to a fully online Continuing Competence Programme (CCP) platform
- Progressive implementation of the new Code of Conduct
- A clearer distinction between regulatory matters and professional advice
- A realignment of the Secretariat to support consistent regulatory delivery

These changes are part of a planned shift to strengthen digital systems and ensure the Board's regulatory functions are delivered clearly, consistently, and securely. Everything remains steady and operational. This update is to ensure you know what to expect and when.

Ngā mihi nui,

Vanessa Simpson

Chief Executive/Registrar | Tumuaki/Pouroki

He Pūrongo Matua | Priority News

Continuing Competence Programme (CCP) – Moving Fully Online

From **1 April 2026**, the Continuing Competence Programme will operate through a new online portal. Guidance material explaining how to use the new system is [here](#).

What you can expect:

In March, you will receive:

- An email directing you to access the CCP through the practitioner portal
- Clear instructions about recording professional development and reflections

From 1 April 2026:

- All CCP recording will take place through the online platform
- The platform will be accessed through your existing practitioner portal
- Use of the platform will be compulsory

The system has been designed to be straightforward and secure. Further reminders and support material will be provided before go-live.

This change applies only to CCP recording.

Code of Conduct – Early Access and Phased Introduction

The new Code of Conduct is now available for early familiarisation [here](#). While final design is still underway, the Board considers it important that practitioners have early access to the document to allow time to become familiar with its content

Timeline:

- **February 2026** – Early access
- **April 2026** – Soft launch
- **October 2026** – Full implementation

You are encouraged to begin reading the Code now. Over the coming months you will receive:

- Section summaries
- Implementation reminders
- Invitations to webinars and/or in-person sessions

This phased approach is designed to allow time for understanding before the Code comes fully into effect.

Secretariat Realignment – Clarifying Regulatory and Professional Roles

Over recent months, the Board has refined the structure of the Secretariat to align clearly with its statutory responsibilities under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003.

The Secretariat's role is to support the Board in delivering its core regulatory functions, including:

- Registration
- Issuing practising certificates
- Competence processes
- Fielding concerns, complaints and conduct matters
- Accreditation of training programmes

What this means in practice

The Secretariat will focus on regulatory and statutory matters.

Psychology Specialists will respond to:

- Regulatory enquiries
- Provide subject matter expertise to the Board and its committees

However, the Secretariat will no longer provide informal ethical or professional advice.

Practitioners seeking ethical or practice guidance should consult:

- Supervisors
- Professional bodies
- Colleagues
- Their employing organisation where relevant

This clarification ensures regulatory decision-making and professional advisory functions remain distinct.

The Board acknowledges the valuable contribution of staff who have recently left the Secretariat and wishes them well for the future.

The enquiries email is info@nzpb.org.nz

The voicemail service is 0800 471 4580

APC Renewal – Now Open

APC renewals for the **2026/27 practising year** are now open.

If you intend to practise between **1 April 2026 and 31 March 2027**, you must hold a current APC.

Applications are completed through the [practitioner portal](#). Please ensure your contact details are current.

Further information on requirements and fees is available on the [website](#).

Governance Update

The Board has confirmed:

- **Ms Lisa Lawrence** as Chair
- **Dr Valerie Tan** as Deputy Chair

Leadership continuity remains in place as these changes are implemented.

He Aha Ngā Mea Hou? | What's New?

Keeping Connected Meetings

Thank you to those who attended the recent Wellington meeting.

Further meetings are planned:

- **May – Christchurch**
- **November – Auckland**

Questions raised at the Wellington session will be uploaded to the website shortly.

Be Involved | Opportunities

Expressions of Interest – PCCs and CRPs

Expressions of interest are open for psychologists who wish to be considered for Professional Conduct Committees and

Competence Review Panels.

These panels support the Board's public protection function under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003.

What you should know:

- Appointment does not guarantee assignment to a particular case
- Selection depends on the nature and context of matters under review
- Be able to critically analyse information impartially
- Members must be in good standing with the Board

About you | Kōrero mōu

Preferred skills and attributes would include:

- experience and expertise in their field of psychology
- have a good understanding of the scope of practice, competencies and Code of Ethics and be willing to upskill on the Code of Conduct
- familiarity with relevant legislation

How to apply | Me pēhea te tono

Please apply via email to Justine.Croxen@nzpb.org.nz with PCC/CRP EOI in the subject line and include:

- a covering letter, and
- a current CV

Applications close on **Friday 13 March 2026**.

For other 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.

What to Expect Next

Over the coming months you will see:

- CCP portal access instructions
- Code of Conduct implementation support
- Reminders ahead of key dates

Each change will be communicated clearly before it takes effect.

If you have regulatory queries, please contact the Board through the [website](#).

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

13th & 14th May

12th & 13th August

11th & 12th November

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