



# Te Poari Kaimātai Hinengaro o Aotearoa

NEW ZEALAND PSYCHOLOGISTS BOARD

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### Nō te Taumata | Note from the Chief Executive/Registrar

Tēnā koutou katoa,

As we begin 2026, I would like to thank registrants for their ongoing commitment to safe, ethical and high-quality practice. The start of the year provides an opportunity to share updates on a number of initiatives underway to support the Board's regulatory role and the profession.

This pānui includes information about the transition of the Continuing Competence Programme to an online platform from April 2026, the pre-release of a new Code of Conduct, and recent changes to the Board's Secretariat structure. You will also find details about an upcoming opportunity to connect in Wellington.

The Board remains focused on strengthening regulatory processes, improving clarity and consistency, and ensuring our systems and structures are fit for purpose now and into the future. We acknowledge the professionalism of the profession and appreciate registrants ongoing engagement with the Board's regulatory work.

#### CCP Going Online from 1 April 2026

The Continuing Competence Programme will move to an online format for the 2026-2027 cycle. Registrants can complete CCP activities through the practitioner portal from 1 April 2026. [Learn more about CCP online.](#)

#### New Code of Conduct Finalised

A new Code of Conduct has been finalised and will be available for pre-reading from February 2026. It sets out expected standards of professional behaviour. [Read more about the Code of Conduct and the timeline for going live.](#)

#### Secretariat Refresh

The board has refreshed its Secretariat structure to support its regulatory priorities and better support future work programmes. [Find Board contact information.](#)

#### Keeping Connected – Wellington 10 February

Join Board members for an informal update and networking opportunity in Wellington on Tuesday 10 February. [Register to attend.](#)

Ngā mihi nui,

Vanessa Simpson

Chief Executive/Registrar | Tumuaki/Pouroki

### He Aha Ngā Mea Hou? | What's New?

#### Continuing Competence Programme (CCP) Going Online from 1 April 2026

The Continuing Competence Programme (CCP) has supported registrants to plan, reflect on, and evidence their professional development since 2012. Over time, the CCP requirements and supporting documentation have been refined, with registrants selected randomly each year for audit against objective guidelines.

In October 2023 the Board held an evening with registrants in Christchurch. During this session, registrants shared constructive feedback on the CCP process, including suggestions to streamline it through an online platform. The Board subsequently approved a project to enable this change.

We are pleased to confirm that the CCP will move to an online format for the 2026-2027 CCP cycle. From 1 April 2026, registrants will be able to complete their start-of-year self-reflective review and ongoing CCP activities directly through their practitioner portal on the Board's website. The online CCP has been designed with guided prompts to support completion of required information, helping to reduce uncertainty and improve consistency.

To support navigating this transition, a [CCP Online Guide](#) has been developed.

A small group of registrants from a range scopes and backgrounds assisted with trialling the system, and the Board extends its appreciation for their valuable feedback.

We hope this move to an online platform supports a more efficient and user-friendly way for registrants to track their professional development goals and achievement. We also thank the Christchurch registrants whose feedback helped shape this development.

#### Code of Conduct

The Board has recently finalised the new Code of Conduct to clearly articulate the standards of professional behaviour expected of psychologists.

The Code is intended to support safe, ethical, and professional practice, and to provide clarity for both registrants and the public about expected conduct. Further information, including guidance on its application, opportunities to meet and engage with the information in the Code and timeline for implementation will be communicated in the February pānui.

#### Secretariat Refresh

The Board has recently implemented a refresh of its Secretariat structure to better align resources with its regulatory priorities and future work programme.

The change is to support the Board's ability to deliver its core regulatory functions in a sustainable way. As with any period of redevelopment, there may be some short-term impacts while new arrangements are embedded.

Registrants are encouraged to refer to the Board's website for the most up-to-date information on key contact points and how to get in touch. We appreciate your patience over this period.

#### Keeping Connected – Wellington

The Board invites registrants to meet with Board members in **Wellington**:

**Date:** Tuesday 10 February

**Time:** 7.00-8.00pm

**Venue:** Level 17, James Cook Hotel, 147 The Terrace

Light refreshments will be provided. Please register via our [events page](#).

This will be an opportunity to hear updates from the Board and connect with members and colleagues.

The Board have scheduled additional evenings in both Auckland and Christchurch this year.

Christchurch: Tuesday 12 May

Auckland: Tuesday 10 November

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

11th -12th February  
13th - 14th May  
12th - 13th August  
11th - 12th November

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## 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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