



**Te Poari Kaimātai
Hinengaro o Aotearoa**

NEW ZEALAND PSYCHOLOGISTS BOARD

ACCREDITATION REPORT: UNIVERSITY OF CANTERBURY POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PSYCHOLOGY ASSISTANCE (PGDipPsychAssist)

Introduction:

It is a function of the New Zealand Psychologists Board (the Board) to prescribe the qualification required for scope of practice within the profession, and for that purpose, to accredit and monitor educational institutions and degrees, courses of studies, or programmes (as per section 118(a) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (the Act)). On 2nd November 2011 the Board delegated its powers under section 118(a) of the Act to accredit educational institutions and degrees, courses of studies, or programme 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* (the Standards) document.

Date of Application:

The University of Canterbury lodged a submission to gain accreditation for the PGDipPsychAssist, in 2026, with a view to graduates being eligible to register in the Psychology Assistant scope of Practise. The Accreditation Committee considered the submission regarding provisional accreditation.

Date of Decision:

10 July 2026

Decision:

Canterbury University's PGDipPsychAssist course of study has been granted provisional accreditation with graduates eligible to apply for registration in the Psychology Assistant scope of practice. In accordance with the Standards, a full accreditation assessment, including a site visit by a Board appointed Assessment Team, will occur once the first cohort of students is eligible for graduation anticipated to be in August 2027.

Provisional Accreditation current until:

1 November 2027

On behalf of the Accreditation Committee,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nalini Meyer'.

Nalini Meyer
Pouroki Tuarua/Deputy Registrar