



## **ACCREDITATION REPORT:**

### **DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS SUPERVISION TO REGISTRATION SCHEME**

#### **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 Department of Corrections lodged an application for accreditation of their "Supervision to Registration" scheme on 6 December 2010.

#### **Dates of Site Visit:**

The site visit was conducted by the appointed Assessment Team on 22 June, 2011.

#### **Date of Decision:**

16 January 2012.

#### **Decision:**

The Department of Corrections' Supervision to Registration scheme has been granted accreditation for an initial period of two years, but extendable to 7 years conditional on their first routine monitoring report to the Board confirming that the following requirements have been satisfactorily addressed;

- That the curriculum (Manual) is revised to explicitly address client safety (including self-harm) and assessment of risk and how these should be managed.
- That the programme documents the responsibilities of external (honorary) staff, and describes their relationship and contribution to the scheme.

**Update:** The requirements noted above were assessed as achieved by the Accreditation Committee on 12 November 2013. Accreditation has therefore been extended to 7 years.

#### **Accreditation current until:**

16 January 2019.<sup>1</sup>

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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.

On behalf of the Accreditation Committee,

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Steve Osborne, Committee Chair  
26 November 2013