



# HPCAA REGISTRATION

Application to be Registered as a  
Psychologist in New Zealand from an  
overseas qualified applicant

Under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003

## PERSONAL DETAILS

(Please print clearly and complete each number below)

1. **Title:** Mr  Mrs  Ms  Miss  Dr  Other title: \_\_\_\_\_

2. **Gender:** Male  Female  Gender Diverse

3. **Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

4. **Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Given/First Names Family/Surname (Please underline your Surname)

5. **Previous Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_  
(If applicable enclose relevant documents)

6. **Date of Name Change:** \_\_\_\_\_

7. **Ethnicity:** (Tick the ethnic category most appropriate for you. This data will help the Ministry of Health monitor psychology workforce trends)

New Zealand European  Other European (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

Pacific (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_  Other Ethnic Group (Specify) \_\_\_\_\_

## CONTACT DETAILS - Please complete all address fields (as required by section 140 of the HPCA Act)

8. **Postal (Mail) Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

9. **Residential (Street) Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

10. **Work Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

11. **Phone and Email Details:** (Include country/area codes) Telephone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (Work) \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address(s) (Print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

## SCOPES OF PRACTICE AND QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION

12. **Scopes of Practice Sought for Registration:** (Tick relevant box. Refer to back page for definitions of scopes of practice and qualifications)

"Intern Psychologist" Scope of Practice

"Clinical Psychologist" Vocational Scope of Practice

"Trainee Psychologist" Scope of Practice

"Counselling Psychologist" Vocational Scope of Practice

"Psychologist" Scope of Practice

"Educational Psychologist" Vocational Scope of Practice

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR REGISTRATION

**13. Qualifications for Registration:** (Enter the most advanced qualification first. The Board reserves the right to contact the granting institutions to check information provided). **N.B.: Only certified copies of qualifications conferred will be accepted.**

(1) Qualification: \_\_\_\_\_

Granting Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Date Conferred \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Qualification: \_\_\_\_\_

Granting Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Date Conferred \_\_\_\_\_

## PREVIOUS APPLICATION(S) FOR REGISTRATION

14. Have you previously made an application for registration with the New Zealand Psychologists Board? No  Yes

## CHARACTER REFERENCES

15. Three confidential character references dated no more than **three months old** (from the date you signed the application form). The references may be included with the completed application form documentation or can be sent directly to the Board. The references **must state your name, be originals, signed, dated, and on official letterhead** (where applicable).

Tick the box if you do not know a New Zealand Registered Psychologist who could provide you with a reference.

Referees should comment on the applicant's character, work experience, and professional standing. At least one reference must be from a senior psychologist who has/had professional involvement with the applicant. You may supply a reference from a senior psychologist who is registered, chartered, or licensed with a regulatory body overseas as an acceptable alternative. **A copy of at least one referee's registration certificate or licence must be included with the reference.**

## CURRICULUM VITAE (CV) OR RESUME

16. A copy of your up to date Curriculum Vitae must be included with this application form. This must account for all your time and work experience since graduating (including relevant dates).

## EVIDENCE OF GOOD STANDING

17. Enclose documentary evidence of Good Standing from any organisation/professional association or regulatory body with which you are currently or have been registered, licensed, or chartered within the past **five** years. **Document(s) must not be more than three months old** (from the date you signed the application form).

## RECORD OF CRIMINAL CONVICTIONS

A conviction will not necessarily preclude the granting of registration. The Board will consider any conviction(s) on a case-by-case basis. If you have a conviction, please write a letter about the conviction to the Board to accompany the record.

18. The Board requires every overseas applicant to provide a Police Clearance Certificate - such as FBI Criminal Conviction Information/Fingerprint Information in the USA, or an equivalent form detailing any convictions you may have had in any country you have lived in within the past **five** years. **Do not send your Record of Criminal Convictions directly to the Board. You should view it before sending it to the Board with your application. NB: Police certificates must be dated no more than 6 months from the date you signed the application form.**

## COMMUNICATION SKILLS

19. If English is **not** your first language, or if your university studies were **not** taught and examined in the English language, you will need to request the testing organisation to send your IELTS (Academic) English language test results directly to the Board. **An overall result of 7.5 is required with a minimum of 7 in each band.** Test results must be obtained within two years prior to applying for registration and must be obtained in one sitting. The Board may also require you to attend an interview in order that further evidence of your English communication abilities can be obtained. If your qualifications were taught and examined in English please provide documentation from the university confirming this.





# HPCAA REGISTRATION APPLICATION CHECKLIST

**IMPORTANT: PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE BELOW BEFORE SENDING IN YOUR APPLICATION.**

All documents supporting your application for registration must be the original or certified copies of originals and must be in English. A certified copy is a direct copy (photocopy) of an original document that is certified as a true copy of the original by an official with the necessary legal power to take statutory declarations in the applicant's country. Certification requires that the official signs with his or her name, position and official seal (where applicable) clearly visible by the signature.

An incomplete application will NOT be processed by the Psychologists Board. Failure to provide the correct specified documentation will cause processing delays.

The processing of your registration application will normally be completed within 4 weeks of receipt of a complete application.

## CHECK LIST

ALL APPLICANTS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTATION (Tick the box as you check your documents for enclosure with this form)

- A **certified colour** passport sized photograph.
- A **certified** copy of the relevant pages of your passport (the ones which show your date of birth, nationality and photograph).
- (Item 5): Evidence of any name change (e.g., Deed Poll, Marriage Certificate) if applicable.
- (Item 13): **Certified copies of qualifications conferred must be provided.** A current and complete official University Academic Record or transcript which records: Papers passed and grades obtained for post graduate diploma and/or degree programmes; completion of requirements for degrees and/or diplomas; and date degree conferred. If your transcript does not show that your degree has been conferred or your diploma awarded enclose a **certified** copy of the qualification. You must also include university records of any internship completed as part of your post graduate qualification.
- (Item 15): Three character references marked 'confidential' and signed and dated not more than **three** months old from the date the application form is received. **References must be accompanied by official evidence that at least one of the referees is currently registered.** The references **must be originals, signed, dated and on official letterhead** (where applicable) **and state your name.**
- (Item 16) A full and detailed curriculum vitae.
- (Item 17) Evidence (a Letter or Certificate(s) of Good Standing) dated not more than three months old from each registration body you have been registered with in the past five years (if you are registered overseas).
- (Item 18) A Police Clearance Certificate **not more than six months old** (i.e. FBI Criminal Conviction Information/Fingerprint Information in the USA, Police Clearance Certificate, South Africa, NIS Criminal Record Information Certificate UK) or equivalent document to inform the Board about any convictions you may have had in your former country/countries of residence.
- (Item 19) If English is not your first language or if your university studies were not taught and examined in English you will need to provide the official IELTS (academic) test result. The overall score required is **7.5** with a minimum of **7** in each test. Test results must be obtained within two years prior to applying for registration and must be obtained in one sitting. The Board may also require you to attend an interview in order that further evidence of your English communication abilities can be obtained. If your qualifications were taught in English please provide documentation from the university confirming this.
- (Item 20) Signed and witnessed Statutory Declaration.
- (Items 21) Application fee (cheque or credit card details). Please note that the Board does not issue invoices for the registration fee. Canada, South Africa, the United Kingdom, or the United States of America are "prescribed" countries. All other countries (except Australia – use TTMRA Registration form) are "non-prescribed" countries.

**NOTE FOR ALL APPLICANTS:** An incomplete application will not be processed by the Psychologists Board.



# SCOPES OF PRACTICE AND QUALIFICATIONS

For psychologists registered in New Zealand under the  
HPCA Act 2003

## SCOPES OF PRACTICE AND PRESCRIBED QUALIFICATIONS

1. **“Psychologist”** - A psychologist within a general scope is defined as rendering or offering to render to individuals, groups, organisations or the public any psychological service involving the application of psychological knowledge, principles, methods and procedures of understanding, predicting ameliorating or influencing behaviour, affect or cognition. Such practice is undertaken within an individual's area and level of expertise and with due regard to ethical, legal, and Board-prescribed standards.

The following qualifications are prescribed for registration as a psychologist in the general scope of practice;

A minimum of a Masters degree in Psychology from an accredited<sup>1</sup> educational organisation, or an equivalent qualification. Eligibility for a general scope of practice requires a Board approved practicum or internship involving 1500 hours of supervised practice.

2. **“Intern Psychologist”** - An intern psychologist within a special purpose scope is defined as rendering or offering to render to individuals, groups, organisations or the public any psychological service involving the application of psychological knowledge, principles, methods and procedures of understanding, predicting ameliorating or influencing behaviour, affect or cognition. Such practice is undertaken within an individual's area and level of expertise and with due regard to ethical, legal, and Board-prescribed standards.

An Intern Psychologist scope of practice may be granted to applicants:

- who have completed formal academic studies that have provided them with the foundation competencies required for safe practice in a supervised internship setting and who are enrolled in a Board-accredited post graduate diploma or doctoral course of studies.

3. **“Trainee Psychologist”** - A trainee psychologist within a special purpose scope is defined as rendering or offering to render to individuals, groups, organisations or the public any psychological service involving the application of psychological knowledge, principles, methods and procedures of understanding, predicting ameliorating or influencing behaviour, affect or cognition. Such practice is undertaken within an individual's area and level of expertise and with due regard to ethical, legal, and Board-prescribed standards.

A Trainee or Intern Psychologist scope of practice may be granted to applicants:

- who have completed formal academic qualifications that have provided the foundation competencies required for safe practice in a supervised setting and who are entering Board-approved supervised practice for the purpose of achieving full registration.

## VOCATIONAL SCOPES OF PRACTICE AND PRESCRIBED QUALIFICATIONS

4. **“Clinical Psychologist”** - Clinical Psychologists apply psychological knowledge and theory derived from research to the area of mental health and development, to assist children, young persons, adults and their families with emotional, mental, developmental or behavioural problems by using psychological assessment, formulation and diagnosis based on biological, social and psychological factors, and applying therapeutic interventions using a scientist-practitioner approach. Such practice is undertaken within an individual's area and level of expertise and with due regard to ethical, legal, and Board-prescribed standards.

The following qualifications have been prescribed for registration as a psychologist in the clinical scope of practice;

A minimum of a Masters degree in Psychology from an accredited educational organisation and an accredited Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology, or equivalent qualification. Eligibility for a clinical psychology scope of practice shall require a Board-approved practicum or internship involving 1500 hours of supervised practice.

<sup>1</sup> “Accredited” here and in subsequent references means accreditation of the educational organisation, or an educational course, by the New Zealand Psychologists Board for the purpose of registering psychologists.

5. **“Counselling Psychologist”** - Counselling Psychologists apply psychological knowledge and theory derived from research to the area of client empowerment and enhancement, to assist children, young persons, adults and their families with personal, social, educational, and vocational functioning by using psychological assessments and interventions, and preventative approaches that acknowledge ecological, developmental and phenomenological dimensions. Such practice is undertaken within an individual’s area and level of expertise and with due regard to ethical, legal, and Board-prescribed standards.

The following qualifications have been prescribed for registration as a psychologist in the Counselling Psychologist scope of practice;

A minimum of a Master’s degree in Psychology from an accredited educational organisation and an accredited Postgraduate Diploma in Counselling Psychology, or equivalent qualification. Eligibility for a counselling psychologist scope of practice shall require a Board-approved practicum or internship involving 1500 hours of supervised practice.

6. **“Educational Psychologist”** - Educational Psychologists apply psychological knowledge and theory derived from research to the area of learning and development, to assist children, young persons, adults and their families regarding their learning, academic performance, behavioural, social and emotional development, by using psychological and educational assessments and applying interventions using systemic, ecological and developmental approaches. Such practice is undertaken within an individual’s area and level of expertise and with due regard to ethical, legal, and Board-prescribed standards.

The following qualifications have been prescribed for registration as a psychologist in the educational scope of practice;

A minimum of a Masters degree in psychology<sup>3</sup> from an accredited educational organisation and an accredited Postgraduate Diploma in Educational Psychology, or equivalent qualification. Eligibility for an educational scope of practice shall require a Board approved practicum or internship involving 1500 hours of supervised practice.

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<sup>3</sup> A Masters degree in Education may be considered equivalent to a Masters degree in psychology where its content is sufficiently educational psychology in nature.