



New Zealand  
**PSYCHOLOGISTS BOARD**  
Te Poari Kaimātai Hinengaro  
o Aotearoa

## ACCREDITATION REPORT:

### UNIVERSITY OF AUCKLAND'S POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY [PGDipHlthPsych]

#### **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 University of Auckland lodged an application for re-accreditation of their Post Graduate Diploma in Health Psychology (**PGDipHlthPsych**) training programme with the Board on 1 December 2017.

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

The site visit was conducted on 12-13 November 2018.

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

20 February 2020

#### **Decision:**

*That the Accreditation Committee (operating under delegation);*

- *Grant Auckland University's PGDipHlthPsych course of study accreditation in reference to the Psychologist scope of practice for a period of seven years, contingent on their first routine monitoring report confirming that the following requirements have been satisfactorily addressed;*
  - *Removal from the curriculum of any reference to 'clinical health' psychologists.*
  - *Clearer guidance is being given to students that the programme prepares them to work within the psychologist scope of practice, as a health psychologist.*

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

2 November 2025<sup>1</sup>

On behalf of the Accreditation Committee,

Ann Connell, Committee Chair  
28 February 2020

<sup>1</sup> It should be noted that the Board reserves the right to revisit a course granted accreditation subject to periodic reporting requirements.