

# VOCATIONAL SCOPE OF PRACTICE

## Application Form for Psychologists Registered in New Zealand

Under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003

This form is to be used by registered psychologists who are applying for a vocational scope(s) of practice.

The New Zealand Psychologists Board urges all psychologists to carefully consider the implications of holding a vocational scope of practice before making application. Psychologists are bound by their Code of Ethics to practice only in those areas in which they are demonstrably competent, and to maintain competence in their area(s) of practice.

### REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Registration No: 90- \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Vocational Scope of Practice you are applying for:  **Counselling Psychologist**  **Clinical Psychologist**  
 **Educational Psychologist**

### EVIDENTIAL INFORMATION

To determine what supporting evidence is required for your application, please answer the following questions;

**1. Are you currently registered in the "Psychologist" scope of practice?**

- (a) **NO** You must attain registration before applying for a vocational scope of practice. Please contact the Board's Deputy Registrar or refer to our website for details ([www.psychologistsboard.org.nz](http://www.psychologistsboard.org.nz)).
- (b) **YES** [Go to 2](#)

**2. Do you hold a New Zealand post graduate diploma specified for the vocational scope of practice you are applying for?**

- (a) **NO** [Go to 3](#)
- (b) **YES** Please attach a certified copy of the academic qualification or academic transcript to this application.  
[Go to 5](#)

**3. Do you hold qualification(s) that you wish the Board to consider as equivalent to the New Zealand post graduate diploma?**

- (a) **NO** [Go to 4](#)
- (b) **YES** You will need to submit evidence of equivalence as specified on the attached scopes qualification information. [Go to 5](#)

**4. It does not appear that you qualify for this Vocational Scope of Practice. Please contact the Board's Registrar if you still wish to pursue application. An individual assessment may be granted in some circumstances.**

**5. Have there been any consumer complaints about you or your work in New Zealand or in any other country?**

- (a) **NO** [Go to 6](#)
- (b) **YES** Please provide the following details and attach to this application.
- Who the complaint was made to, i.e. HDC, Psychologists Board, employer;
  - When the complaint was made and concluded;
  - What type of investigation into the complaint took place;
  - What was the outcome, i.e. disciplinary measures, suspension, no further action; etc.
- [Go to 6](#)

**6. Sign this form and submit it with the following attached (as applicable):**

- (a) A certified copy of your academic qualification or transcript;
- (b) Detailed work history including your present job description;
- (c) Evidence of your competence in the scope you are applying for;
- (d) A statement of support from your psychology supervisor and their details;
- (e) Evidence of qualification equivalence;
- (f) Details of any current or past complaints concerning your professional practice.



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### STATUTORY DECLARATION MADE ON APPLICATION FOR A VOCATIONAL SCOPE OF PRACTICE

If the statutory declaration is made in New Zealand, it must be made before a person entitled under the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957 to take statutory declarations, for example, a Justice of the Peace, Solicitor, Notary Public, Registrar or Deputy Registrar of the High Court or any District Council, authorised officer in the service of the Crown, or any member of Parliament.

**The New Zealand Psychologists Board asks that you consider the Declaration below carefully, before you sign.**

#### I SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY DECLARE THAT:

1. All of the information provided with this application is true and correct in every particular and detail;
2. I will provide the Psychologists Board with any such further information as it may require;
3. I am fit for registration as defined under Section 16 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 and I know of no information that could cause the Psychologists Board not to be satisfied that I am of good character and reputation and am a fit and proper person to be registered;
4. I do not have a mental or physical condition that precludes me functioning as a safe and competent practitioner;
5. I believe I qualify for the scope of practice that I seek to be registered within, and that I am competent to practice within that scope of practice.
6. Having considered carefully the rights and responsibilities it will impose, I wish to formally apply for the (delete as required) **COUNSELLING PSYCHOLOGIST / CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST / EDUCATIONAL PSYCHOLOGIST** vocational scope of practice, and have appended hereto the required evidence of my competence in this area of practice. I authorise the Psychologists Board to contact my psychology supervisor.

Signed by \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full Name of Applicant) (Signature of Applicant)

Postal Address \_\_\_\_\_

Declared at \_\_\_\_\_ this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20 \_\_\_\_\_

In the presence of \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full Name and Signature of person authorised to take a Statutory Declaration)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTE FOR APPLICANTS: Applications will not be processed by the Psychologists Board until declared complete by the Registrar.**

SEND YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM TO	ENQUIRIES TO
New Zealand Psychologists Board  (Post) PO Box 10626 Wellington 6143 New Zealand  (Courier) Level 9 Tourism and Travel House 79 Boulcott Street Wellington 6011 New Zealand	Deputy Registrar (Registration) New Zealand Psychologists Board  Telephone (64 4) 471-4588 Facsimile (64 4) 471-4581  Email: info@nzpb.org.nz

# 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. **“Trainee Psychologist” or “Intern 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.

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

- who have completed formal academic qualifications that have provided the trainee psychologist with the foundation competencies required for safe practice in the approved supervised setting, and
- who are entering Board approved<sup>2</sup> supervised practice for the purpose of achieving full registration.

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3. **“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.

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.

5. **“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

<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.

<sup>2</sup> Includes Supervision 2000 and Board accredited training programmes, e.g. students of Post Graduate Diploma programmes whilst enrolled in their final year.

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.