



# Chinese Medicine Council of New Zealand

**Building public trust and confidence in Chinese Medicine as a safe, valid,  
and integral part of the Aotearoa New Zealand health system.**

## June Newsletter

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Kia ora tātou,

Welcome to the very first newsletter for the Chinese Medicine Council of New Zealand (CMCNZ). The Council was appointed in May 2022 and since then we have been working toward being ready to accept registrations. July is the big month – but it's not too soon to start getting your documentation in order. [Check the CMCNZ website for what you need to get ready.](#)

The breadth and depth of skills and experience of our Council members is extensive – it is an enormous privilege to be working with such a wonderful team. The last few months have been very demanding but the willingness of everyone to be involved and to share their knowledge and perspectives has made it considerably easier than it could have been.

We have also been very fortunate to have Lindsey Pine as our Office Manager/Acting Registrar. Having been the Registrar for the Optometry RA, Lindsey has a thorough grasp of what needs to be put into place and how best to put everything we need into order. Kate Roberts, our Professional Advisor, has been doing an exceptional job of pulling together all the

documentation we need ahead of our registration date. Without the efforts of Lindsey and Kate I have no doubt this process would have taken us considerably longer and been much more difficult. A big thank you to them and the rest of the Council.

Read on to learn more about what registration of the profession will mean to you as a practitioner and what you need to do to prepare.

Ngā mihi

**Paddy McBride**

Chair – CMCNZ

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## Message from the Acting Registrar

Tēnā anō koutou,

These are exciting times for Chinese medicine and I'm very happy to be helping the Council and the profession with the transition to regulation. We've been very encouraged by the responses to the Council's consultations in the lead up to [gazetting scopes of practice](#) and fees and finalising the Council's core standards and we have valued everyone's input. There's a lot more to do and we hope there will be more feedback to come on [current and future consultations](#), so please do send us your thoughts.



Behind the scenes we are busy developing and testing the necessary online registration and practising certificate application processes in the lead up to GO LIVE in July. Over the coming weeks we will be publishing more information and guidance on the registration process, and we encourage practitioners to read this and start preparing well ahead of July. We'll do our best to respond as promptly as we can to any enquiries received, but we do ask you to keep in mind that volumes of enquiries could be high and we only work part-time so we thank you for your patience in advance.

For some, you may find the answer to your enquiry on the 'Practitioner information' or 'Frequently asked questions' pages of the Council's website. These pages are worth having a read through regardless of whether you have an enquiry.

[Stay up to date](#): If you're not on the Council's contact list for receiving regular updates yet, please sign up via the homepage so you don't miss out on any important information or updates.

Ka nui tēnei,

**Lindsey Pine**

Project Manager/Acting Registrar

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## Registration guides for CM practitioners

There are different pathways for practitioners applying for registration as a Chinese Medicine (CM) practitioner with the Chinese Medicine Council of New Zealand (the Council). The [Council has developed registration guides](#) to assist practitioners with their registration on each of the pathways:

1. Grand-parenting pathway
2. New Zealand Approved Qualifications
3. Overseas-qualified CM practitioners
4. Trans-Tasman Mutual Recognition Act 1997

Use these [helpful checklists](#) to make sure you have everything you need for your application, and that your documents are correct before they are submitted.

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## Current consultations

1. The Chinese Medicine Council of New Zealand (the Council) is seeking feedback on the first group of documents:

- Draft *Informed Consent Standard*
- Draft *Advertising Standards*
- Draft *Clinical Record Standard*
- Draft *Professional Boundaries Standard*
- Draft *Naming Policy*

[Click here](#) to view the consultation documents.

The closing date for submissions is **9 June 2023**.

2. The Council is also seeking feedback on the second group of documents:

- Draft *Safe Practice Standard*
- Draft *Policy on Recertification*
- Draft *Recertification Guidance for Chinese Medicine Practitioners*
- Draft *Policy on Recency of Practice*
- Draft *Statement on the Use of Titles*

[Click here](#) to view the consultation document.

The closing date for submissions on these documents is **30 June 2023**.

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## Upcoming Online Events - *Regulation and Beyond*

The Chinese Medicine Council of New Zealand welcomes the CM profession and its stakeholders to its upcoming online events.

**12-2pm Wednesday 28th June**

**12-2pm Monday 17th July**

### *Session outline*

**Karakia whakatuwhera**

**Opening and Welcome**

**Demystifying Regulation**

**What is the role of the CMCNZ (Chinese Medicine Council of New Zealand)?**

**Purpose of the HPCA (Health Practitioners Competence Assurance) – Section 118 and Chinese Medicine**

**Progress to date and regulation moving forward/or how to registration guide?**

**Q and A panel**

**Closing and thank you**

**Karakia whakakapi**

This will be held using Microsoft teams with CPD (Continuing Professional Development) points awarded for attending.

**To register your interest please RSVP here.**

## Current vacancies - we are hiring



The Council is currently recruiting for the following positions.

- [Registrar/General Manager](#)
- [Registration Coordinator](#)

Click the hyperlinks above for the position descriptions.

Any enquiries can be directed to [reception@chinesemedicinecouncil.org.nz](mailto:reception@chinesemedicinecouncil.org.nz)

Apply via SEEK or LinkedIn

Applications close 26 June 2023.

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## Invitation to be part of the kōrero for the future of the CM profession in Aotearoa.



The Chinese Medicine Council (CMCNZ) are working through understanding the new role that they play in regulating the Chinese medicine profession. The Council sets the standards of cultural competence, clinical competence and professional conduct for practitioners of the profession. For practitioners of CM (Chinese Medicine), practice must demonstrate both cultural safety and cultural competence.

The Council is seeking kupu tohutohu tikanga (advice regarding protocol and correct process) by holding a series of hui (discussion forums). The kaupapa (purpose) is to connect and strengthen relationships amongst Māori Mātanga whānau (experts/practitioners). These hui will be held to create whakawhanaungatanga and enable kōrero that will lead to initiatives across the CM profession that benefit and support the delivery of healthcare to Māori. This is also to strengthen the CM obligations under the Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

These hui will be for Tangata whenua within the Chinese medicine hāpori (community). The Council will be represented by Mana Fleming (Te Āti Haunui-a-Pāpārangī)


If you would be willing and interested in being part of this kōrero, please email Mana at [reception@chinesemedicinecouncil.org.nz](mailto:reception@chinesemedicinecouncil.org.nz) or [mana.fleming@chinesemedicinecouncil.org.nz](mailto:mana.fleming@chinesemedicinecouncil.org.nz)

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