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Hunga Whara  
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Chinese Medicine Council  
of New Zealand

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Tēnā koe

As you are aware, the Chinese Medicine Council of New Zealand (CMCNZ) has opened registration for Chinese Medicine Practitioners. ACC and CMCNZ are grateful to those practitioners who are registered, and strongly urge all other providers to register with CMCNZ without delay.

[Register as a Chinese Medicine Practitioner.](#)

A large majority of ACC providers are yet to register with CMCNZ.

As of 24 July 2023, in order to practise Chinese Medicine in New Zealand, **you must be registered with and hold a valid practising certificate issued by CMCNZ.**

Acupuncturists or Chinese medicine practitioners who are not lawfully registered under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (HPCA Act) should not treat ACC clients. It is an offence under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (HPCA Act) to identify yourself as an Acupuncturist or Chinese Medicine practitioner in New Zealand if you are not registered with CMCNZ.

If CMCNZ become aware of any such instances, practitioners may face disciplinary action which could include a fine or jeopardise your ability to practise.

### **ACC regulatory change**

We appreciate that in the short term, this requirement may mean that Chinese Medicine practitioners may need to hold two annual practising certificates (one with CMCNZ, and another with Acupuncture NZ or NZ Acupuncture Standards Authority).

ACC will continue to work closely with the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment and the Minister for ACC to pursue regulatory change to reflect CMCNZ as the new regulatory body for Chinese Medicine. Unfortunately, the election period has delayed this change. Once the new government is formed, ACC will engage them on this issue.

Nāku noa, nā

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