



**MEDICAL SCIENCES COUNCIL
OF NEW ZEALAND**

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Update on the Anaesthetic Technician Scope of Practice Review

Te Kaunihera Pūtaiao Hauora o Aotearoa | The Medical Sciences Council of New Zealand (the Council) commenced its review of the Anaesthetic Technician scope of practice in 2022.

As Anaesthetic Technicians are registered health professionals under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, the Council must ensure it regularly reviews the scope of practice as it is vital to ensure the profession's regulation remains fit for purpose and that practitioners are equipped to respond to an ever-changing healthcare practice environment.

The Council consulted on a number of proposed changes to the scope of practice between July and September this year and held a number of webinars regarding the consultation during this process. The Council received over 400 submissions providing feedback on the proposed changes, including 355 submissions from Anaesthetic Technicians. The feedback supported a mandate for change.

The Council has now received the feedback and has determined that to inform the final scope of practice statement that will be gazetted, it will create an expert advisory group to provide it with advice that is required. This group will also review the standards of competence for anaesthetic technicians.

The group will be comprised of members of the profession, the professional association and the education sector. It will be able to seek advice from the Māori practitioners advisory committee.

The advice from the expert advisory group will help inform the Council's decision-making. The profession and stakeholders will be notified once the Council has made a decision.

Ngā mihi,

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COUNCIL'S RESPONSIBILITY

The primary responsibility of the Council is to protect the health and safety of the New Zealand public by ensuring practitioners registered with the Council are competent and fit to practise.