



**MEDICAL SCIENCES COUNCIL
OF NEW ZEALAND**

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NEWSLETTER OF THE MEDICAL SCIENCES COUNCIL OF NEW ZEALAND

Christmas Closure



Please note the Council's office will be closed from COB 21st December and will re-open on Monday 7th January 2019.

The Council wishes you all a happy and safe holiday.



New Graduates for 2018

As the end of the year is fast approaching, it is timely for the Council to remind graduates and employers of their obligations to ensure all newly employed medical laboratory sciences and anaesthetic technology practitioners are registered and hold a current practising certificate.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Once you are registered, you have a legal requirement to notify the Council of any changes to your residential, postal or work address within one month of the change. You can do this by logging into "My Profile" on the website.

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 in the professions of medical laboratory science, and anaesthetic technology are competent and fit to practice.

February 7th 2019: APC Renewal Period (2019/2020) Opens

Soon it will be time to renew your APC, and the Council would like to take this opportunity to remind you all to ensure your contact details are up-to-date. Instructions on how to renew your APC will be emailed to you closer to the time.

DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

A pending change to the HPCA Act 2003 will require the Council to collect demographic information from practitioners to assist with workforce planning (through Health Workforce New Zealand - HWNZ). The Council is preparing to commence collecting this demographic data from 2019.

This means, when you next renew your APC, there will be a number of extra questions asking for information about:

- Your ethnicity
- Whether you work in a private or public health care facility
- The number of hours you work at each facility for each scope of practice you hold an APC in

You will need to complete the demographic information questions in order for your APC to be processed and issued.

Please note the confidentiality of demographic data collected by the Council will be protected through the anonymisation of workforce data provided to HWNZ.

New Qualification

From semester one of 2019, Massey University is offering the Post Graduate Diploma in Health Science (Medical Laboratory Science), a 120 credit programme that is the equivalent of one year of full-time study. It is a distance learning programme and will take 2-3 years of part-time study to complete.

The Council has, in principle, approved the Massey University's programme for registration as a Medical Laboratory Scientist. This qualification falls into the category of a relevant New Zealand or overseas post-graduate science degree.

Audit Results

The Council has completed this year's audit and note, there has been continued improvement in the overall standard and quality of CPD activities undertaken. The results were:

	MLT and MLPAT	AT
Audited	156	74
Passed	151 (96.8%)	62 (92.5%)
Exempted	23	7

Fees Increase

The Council recently consulted on a fees increase, where it was agreed to an increase of 1.5% to all fees.

The following fees will come into effect from 1st February 2019. Please note all fees charged by the Council are non-refundable and are stated in \$NZ. The GST rate is 15%

FEES PAYABLE (MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE)

<i>A. REGISTRATION FEES</i>	GST exclusive	GST inclusive
Application for registration from a New Zealand trained practitioner	\$308.92	\$355.25
Application for registration from an overseas trained practitioner	\$485.43	\$558.25
Application to add a scope of practice	\$88.26	\$101.50
<i>B. ANNUAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATE (APC) FEES</i>		
Renewal of an APC received by 31 March	\$229.48	\$263.90
Renewal of an APC received after 7 April	\$321.27	\$369.46
Application for an initial APC received between 1 April to 30 September	\$229.38	\$263.90
Application for an initial APC received between 1 October to 31 January	\$114.74	\$131.95
Application for an initial APC received between 1 February to 31 March	Nil	
<i>C. SUPPLY OF DOCUMENTS FEES</i>		
Issue of a certificate of registration (additional to initial confirmation of registration)	\$50.75	\$58.36
Any other document certifying registration status or standing	\$50.75	\$58.36
Restoration to the register	Nil	

FEES PAYABLE (ANAESTHETIC TECHNOLOGY)

<i>A. REGISTRATION FEES</i>	GST exclusive	GST inclusive
Application for registration from a New Zealand trained practitioner	\$308.92	\$355.25
Application for registration from an overseas trained practitioner	\$485.43	\$558.25
<i>B. ANNUAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATE (APC) FEES</i>		
Renewal of an APC received by 31 March	\$304.50	\$350.18
Renewal of an APC received after 7 April	\$426.30	\$490.25
Application for an initial APC received between 1 April to 30 September	\$304.50	\$350.18
Application for an initial APC received between 1 October to 31 January	\$151.81	\$175.58
Application for an initial APC received between 1 February to 31 March	Nil	
<i>C. WORK-BASED ASSESSMENT</i>		
Sitting a work-based assessment for the purpose of registration and/or issue of an APC	\$3,265.65	\$3,755.50
<i>D. SUPPLY OF DOCUMENTS FEES</i>		
Issue of a certificate of registration (additional to initial confirmation of registration)	\$50.75	\$58.36
Issue of a replacement and/or duplicate annual practising certificate	\$50.75	\$58.36
Any other document certifying registration status or standing	\$50.75	\$58.36
Restoration to the register	Nil	