



**MEDICAL SCIENCES COUNCIL
OF NEW ZEALAND**

TE KAUNIHERA PŪTAIAO HAUORA O AOTEAROA

**MSC
NEWS**

TE HEAMANA/FROM THE CHAIR

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Firstly, on behalf of the Medical Sciences Council, I would like to thank you for your prompt APC applications and acknowledge that payment issues would have caused inconveniences for some of you. Please accept my apologies – this has now been resolved and hopefully will not occur again next year.

With the ongoing review of the country's pandemic settings, the Council notes that this may influence the incoming and outgoing of practitioners. As a reminder, if you are planning on working outside of New Zealand, please ensure that you contact the Council's staff with your overseas contact details. You can find more information on the 'Working Overseas' page on the Council's website. In addition, I would also encourage you to check the Council's website regularly to ensure you are familiar with current policies and processes.

Ngā mihi nui kia koutou,

Brett Besley
MSC Chair

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 practise.

New Zealand Resuscitation Councils Core Immediate recertifications

The Council is aware that some organisations may be struggling to provide in-house NZRC Core course for anaesthetic technicians due to COVID- 19 restrictions and staffing shortages. The Council does understand the increased pressure organisations are under. However, emergency management is a crucial competency per the Council’s competency standards and therefore anaesthetic technicians are expected to hold current NZRC Core certification.

If organisations are struggling to provide in-house NZRC Core course training, it is acceptable for anaesthetic technicians to complete a course through an external provider. However, the course must be directly comparable to the NZRC core course and therefore must cover the same ground; the course must provide the same content and the learning outcome must also be equivalent.

CPD Audit Reminder

Anaesthetic Technicians: The CPD audit for the January 2020 to December 2021 biennium will be held later this year. Audit selection communication will be sent out in the near future.

Medical Laboratory Science practitioners: The CPD audit for the January 2021 to December 2022 biennium will be held later this year. Audit selection communication will be sent out in the near future.

New Registrations 2021/2022 year

It is of note that despite the disruptions the Covid-19 pandemic has created, the Council continued to receive applications for registration from overseas practitioners.

