



**MEDICAL SCIENCES COUNCIL  
OF NEW ZEALAND**

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**MSC  
NEWS**

NEWSLETTER OF THE MEDICAL SCIENCES COUNCIL OF NEW ZEALAND

## FROM THE CHAIR

Welcome back to you all, I hope that after the events of 2020 there was opportunity for members to participate in a deserved rest and relaxation period.

To assist with more rapid communication and ease of access to relevant Council publications, a re-development of the Council website is underway and you may notice some changes once this is live.

Alongside this, we need to continue to maintain preparedness for any future responses to the global pandemic as well as business as usual activities such as APC renewals - all practitioners will receive a communique when renewals have opened.

**Brett Besley**  
MSC Chair

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### 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.*

## APC Renewals

The APC renewal for your 2021/2022 APC will open on 22 February 2021.  
Your current 2020/2021 APC will expire on the 31st March 2021.

### RESETTING YOUR PASSWORD:

If you have forgotten your password you can use the “Forgotten Password” option to reset it. There are two ways you can reset your password:

- via the email address registered with the Council and we will send you a link to reset you password; or
- via text message.

If you have forgotten your password and you do not have access to the email address registered with the Council, and your mobile number is not up to date, email the Council [msc@medsci.co.nz](mailto:msc@medsci.co.nz) and we will update your details.

### MAKING A PAYMENT

There are two ways you can pay for your APC:

- Credit card;
- Internet banking (enter your registration number in the reference box)

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## CPD Providers

There is one new CPD provider for Medical Laboratory Scientists:

- Australasian Association for Clinical Biochemistry and Laboratory Medicine Inc (AACB)

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### Medical Laboratory Science Applications Outcomes October-December 2020

Scope of Practice	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
<b>Medical Laboratory Scientist</b>	11	22	26	59
Declined	4	2		6
Registered	7	20	26	53
<b>Medical Laboratory Technician</b>	14	12	9	35
Declined	1	1		2
Registered	13	11	9	33
<b>Medical Laboratory Pre-analytical Technician</b>	9	6	7	22
Declined			1	1
Registered	9	6	6	21
<b>Grand Total</b>	34	40	42	116

### Anaesthetic Technicians Applications Outcomes October-December 2020

Scope of Practice	Grand Total
<b>Anaesthetic Technician</b>	
Declined	1
Registered	27
<b>Grand Total</b>	28

Medical Laboratory Science Application Outcomes October-December 2020

	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
<b>Medical Laboratory Scientist</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>76</b>
Brazil	2			2
Canada	2			2
England	4	1		5
Hong Kong		2		2
India		2	1	3
Netherlands	1			1
New Zealand	8	26	21	55
Nigeria		2		2
Pakistan	1			1
Philippines		1		1
South Africa		1		1
Taiwan	1			1
<b>Medical Laboratory Technician</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>37</b>
India		1		1
Nepal	1			1
Netherlands	1			1
New Zealand	4	15	9	28
Philippines	2	1		3
Singapore			1	1
USA		1		1
Wales		1		1
<b>Medical Laboratory Pre-analytical Technician</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>25</b>
Brazil	2			2
England	1			1
India	1	1	1	3
Netherlands	1			1
New Zealand	2	8	7	17
Philippines		1		1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>138</b>

Anaesthetic Technicians Applications Received October - December 2020 by Country

Country	Oct	Nov	Dec	Grand Total
England	1	2	1	4
Malawi			1	1
New Zealand			26	26
Wales	1			1
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>32</b>

## Some changes in the Office

The MSC Council works very closely with the Medical Radiation Technologists Board (MRTB), with whom they set up a jointly-owned company, Medical Sciences Secretariat (MSS). MSS has a governance board comprised of Directors who come from the MRTB and the MSC.

To strengthen the succession planning for MSS, the Board of Directors has recently been increased from four to six, with three Directors coming from the MSC and three from the MRTB.

The MSS staff also welcomes two new staff members; Isabella Rarm who joins the Registration Team and Melissa Buist, Assistant to the Chief Executive.

