



**MEDICAL SCIENCES COUNCIL
OF NEW ZEALAND**

TE KAUNIHERA PŪTAIAO HAUORA O AOTEAROA

**MSC
NEWS**

TE HEAMANA/FROM THE CHAIR

Tēnā koutou katoa,

At this time of year, with COVID-19 and other winter illness affecting staff numbers, this undoubtedly adds additional workplace pressures. I urge all practitioners to look after themselves wherever possible.

The Council acknowledges that with practitioners experiencing considerable workforce pressures, being selected for CPD audit may have caused some additional stress. However, I would like to remind practitioners of their professional obligations to communicate in a respectful and collaborative manner with colleagues both within the profession and the wider healthcare setting, which includes the Council's staff. Communicating with respect and integrity helps to provide clarity and resolution to any issues that may arise.

On another note, it is heartening to see that various professional networking events are reappearing in the calendar. The Council is looking forward to being able to network and connect with the wider profession at the NZIMLS ASM in August/September and the NZATS conference in November.

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.

Communication with the Council's Staff

The Council appreciates the effort most practitioners are going to in providing their CPD to the Council's staff and acknowledges that that this can be a stressful time for those who have been selected for audit. However, the Council would like to remind a small number of practitioners that engaging with Council staff in a disrespectful manner damages your professional reputation and can bring the whole profession into disrepute. The Council's *Code of Ethical Conduct* outlines a practitioner's professional obligation to communicate in a respectful and collaborative manner with colleagues both within the profession and the wider healthcare setting, which includes the Council's staff.

CPD Audit update

For practitioners who have been selected for audit, please submit your CPD documentation to the Council by **19 August 2022**. Documentation should be sent to one of the following addresses:

For Anaesthetic Technicians: ataudit@medsci.co.nz

For Medical Laboratory Science Practitioners: mscaudit@medsci.co.nz

Please note, due to the effects of winter illness on Council staff, CPD audit outcomes will be provided to practitioners by the end of October 2022.

Online Examination Eligibility

As a reminder, practitioners are only eligible to sit the online examination if the Council deems they are eligible. Eligibility means the Council has reviewed their qualification and considers that they meet the criteria to be offered the online examination. Further information about the online examination can be found on the Council's website.

Revision of the register

The Council wishes to revise its register to remove the names of any practitioners who are no longer in practice and have not been in contact with the Council for some time. If your name appears on the list, or if you know someone who appears on the list, please contact the Council at msc@medsci.co.nz.

Conference Attendance

Some Council members and staff will be attending the NZIMLS ASM in Wellington in August/September and the NZATS conference in Napier in November. We will be available to answer questions and we are looking forward to connecting with the profession at these events.
