

## Recertification Programme 2020

The Council advised midwives in early 2020 that due to the demands on the workforce of the COVID 19 pandemic that it had placed requirements of the recertification programme on hold until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2020. At its meeting in September 2020 the Council agreed to amend its decision and it has extended the timeframe to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021 acknowledging at the same time that despite this waiver of requirements large numbers of midwives have continued to meet their requirements.

What does this mean in reality? The following questions and answers are provided in order to explain

**Question:** I understand that the Council decided that all recertification activities have been on hold during 2020 and that I did not need to complete education at this time. Because of many factors I have not been able to complete the education that I normally would. Given that the Council has granted this extension am I able to declare that I am up to date with requirements?

**Answer:** If you were up to date on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 and have not engaged because of this decision then you can declare that you have met the requirements. If you were not up to date on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2020 you cannot.

**Question:** I was due to complete my emergency day in September 2020 but have been unable to do so. Do I have to complete it before I apply for my APC?

**Answer:** No, you do not need to complete your emergency day until September 2021 but you can do it earlier if you want to.

**Question:** I completed my emergency day in August 2020, when do I need to complete it again?

**Answer:** August 2021.

**Question:** My MSR was due in June 2020 and I completed it on time. When do I need to complete it next?

**Answer:** Within three years of last completion unless you are required to complete it earlier.

**Question:** My MSR was due in June 2020 and I have not completed it, when do I need to complete it by?

**Answer:** Before June 2021

**Question:** My MSR is due in January 2021 when do I need to complete it by?

**Answer:** January 2022 but you are encouraged to complete it earlier if you can.

**Question:** I have not been able to attend face to face education during 2020. I know I don't need to collect hours but does online learning count.

**Answer:** Yes online learning does count.

**Question:** I usually attend a number of face to face meetings as part of my professional activities but this year they have been by Zoom. I know I don't need to complete these activities but if I choose to, do Zoom professional meetings count?

**Answer:** Yes

Any further questions regarding recertification please contact the Council at [Education@midwiferycouncil.health.nz](mailto:Education@midwiferycouncil.health.nz)