

Midpoint

Midwifery Council New Zealand Newsletter

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Kia ora koutou

These are unprecedented times. The Council is aware of the challenges confronting our profession and are sincerely appreciative of the way that midwives are stepping up to care for women and babies.

Attached to this email is the [Council's statement](#) on practice as a midwife during an emergency. This clearly outlines the Council's expectations of midwives during this and any future national emergency. You are asked to read and review this statement and to ensure that you understand what is expected of you at this time.

The Council acknowledges the challenging times we are all facing but has clearly outlined its expectations of midwives. The Council continues to work with the MOH, College, HQSC and Heads of School as we navigate our way through these changing landscapes.

Dr Sue Calvert, CE/Registrar,

Midwifery Council

Registration and Practising Certificates

Welcome to all the new graduate midwives who have been entered onto the Register of Midwives during March and April.

Moving to an online exam platform has meant that registration can occur in a more timely manner therefore many of the recent cohort of graduates have been captured in the 2019-2020 registration year.

Although this is less than the number who held practising certificates on 31st March 2020, it is only a 4% decrease which is a smaller change than the Council normally anticipates.

We have received a number of enquiries from midwives regarding emergency practising certificates. Many have not been eligible, purely because they are eligible for an APC

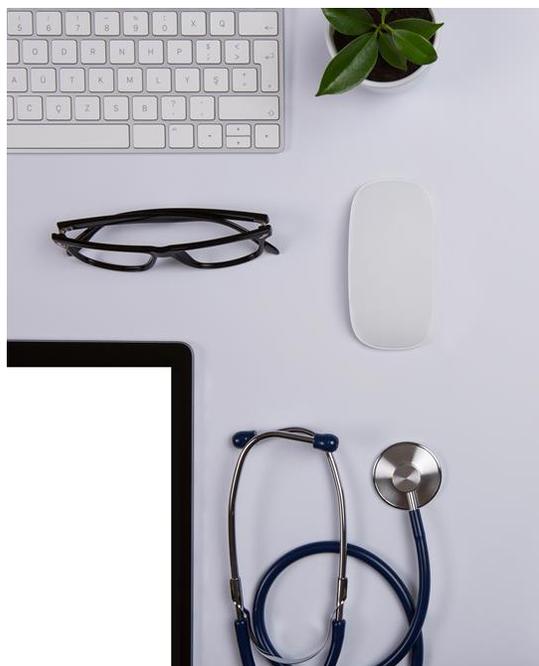
Thank you to everyone who has applied for their practising certificate. At this time there are 3235 midwives with current practising certificates.

and so have been directed to apply for the latter.

Recertification

Just to reiterate the Council's decision, all requirements of the 2020-2021 recertification programme have been placed on hold until December 2020.

If you are behind and have been granted a practising certificate on the basis that you will update requirements, then you must do this. However if you are currently up to date then your requirements are on hold.



Digital signatures

Please refer to the Ministry of Health guidance regarding prescriptions and the need for signatures on digital prescriptions at this time.

This can be found under the [COVID-19 section](#) of the Ministry website.

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1 May

Council meeting

Please note that the Council is holding ad hoc meetings as required during this time.



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