

Midpoint

Midwifery Council New Zealand Newsletter

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Welcome to the 2018/19 practising year. The Council sends its best wishes for a fulfilling and successful 2018 to all midwives.

The Council has already had its first meeting for the year, held in conjunction with a strategic planning day, facilitated by Trish Hall. Trish facilitated the Council's governance review in 2014-15 and has enabled the Council to build on its strategic direction. This direction is strongly informed by international trends and the emerging body of evidence around effective, right touch regulation (tailored regulation which makes sure the level of policy and process is proportionate to the level of risk to the public).

It is that time when all midwives intending to practise over the next year must apply online for a practising certificate. Unfortunately, after not having increased the APC fee since December 2005, the Council has had to raise the fee this year. The reasons for this and the answers to questions raised by midwives during consultation can be found on the [website](#).

We encourage open communication so if you have questions and/or issues, please contact us so we can work together to resolve them.

Sharron Cole, CEO/Registrar,

Midwifery Council of New Zealand

“Intelligent regulation must eliminate the really poor performers without distorting the activities of the majority of performers”

Baroness Onora O'Neill, the crossbench peer and emeritus professor of philosophy at the University of Cambridge



New Chair

At its first meeting for the year, the Council elected its chair and deputy. Judith McAra-Couper and Debbie Fisher both complete their terms on Council during 2018 so did not offer themselves for re-election.

The new Chair of the Council is **Christina Mallon**. Currently Chris is the Director of Midwifery for the Hutt Valley and Wairarapa District Health Boards as well as the Service manager for women's and children's health in the Hutt Valley. Chris has extensive experience and knowledge as an LMC, core midwife and midwifery manager. She has contributed to the midwifery profession as a regional Chair and as a midwifery standard reviewer of the NZ College of Midwives, and nationally as a member of the National DHB midwifery leaders group as well as the Central region DHB midwifery leaders group.



New Deputy Chair

The new Deputy Chair is **Kerry Adams**. Kerry is a Senior Lecturer at the School of Midwifery at Otago Polytechnic where she teaches across the three years of the undergraduate programme. Kerry has a small LMC practice to retain her midwifery competency. Kerry is an MFYP mentor and is the midwife member of the National Screening Unit's Newborn Metabolic Screening Advisory Group. She is currently enrolled as a Post Graduate student at Otago Polytechnic.

Kerry has in the past been the Otago Regional Chair for NZ College of Midwives, an Expert Advisor for the HDC and a member of the Professional Conduct Committee for the Midwifery Council and has worked in all maternity settings both in Wellington and Dunedin.

APC applications for 2018/19 practising year

Online applications for 2018/19 annual practising certificates are now open.

The website page [Applying for your APC](#) will assist you in renewing your annual practising certificate. Please take the time to click on the link – you will find the information helpful. The

If you tick this declaration, it is expected that you are either current with Recertification or have made bookings to become up to date. If you are unclear about what the requirements are, check them out [here](#).

If you have held a practising certificate in a practising year and wish to practise at any

fee is \$445, comprising \$395 Annual Practising Certificate + \$50 Disciplinary levy.

Remember there is no bulk funding option available this year. Your DHB will have told you the well tested processes they have in place to reimburse you, as they do this for all other registered health professionals.

The declaration regarding the Recertification Programme has changed this year:

I declare that I have met, or will meet within the next 6 months, the requirements of the Recertification Programme.

time in the first quarter of the following year, you must complete your renewal application by 31 March.

If you do not renew before 31 March, an additional late fee of \$200 is payable as there are additional administrative requirements for the Council to complete.

All midwives should print off the completion screen as this provides proof of your application.

You will receive a receipt with your new plastic APC card.



APC 2018/19

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APC for non-clinical midwives

For a number of years, there has been discussion on how those midwives who work in roles that require a midwifery qualification but the work is not clinically-based can satisfactorily declare that they have worked across the midwifery scope.

This [document](#) will assist midwives in this position in making application for an APC. Please contact [Sue Calvert, Deputy registrar Midwifery Regulation and Outreach](#) with any questions you may have.

Message from the MOH about APCs

Important message about APCs from the Ministry of Health Maternity Agreements Team.

You are required to have a current Annual Practising Certificate (APC) to provide and claim for maternity services under the Primary Maternity Services Notice 2007 (the Notice).

If your APC expires on 31 March 2018 and is

not renewed from 1 April 2018, your authorisation to provide and claim for maternity services under the Notice will be suspended until a current APC is in place.

Please contact the Ministry of Health by emailing DunedinAASupport@moh.govt.nz with your name, postal address and Midwifery Council registration number.

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Voluntary Bonding Scheme

The Voluntary Bonding Scheme for new graduate midwives

The Ministry of Health has advised that the 2018 Intake Registration of Interest (ROI) period is now open on its website, and will be open for 6 weeks from Thursday 8th February at 8.30am to Sunday 25th March at midnight.

DIARY



23 March 2018

Council meeting

31 March 2018

end of 2017/18 practising year



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