

Midpoint

Midwifery Council New Zealand Newsletter

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► December 2016



2016 has been a big year for the Council. In February we relocated our office along with nine other Regulatory Authorities and maintained a Service Level Agreement to purchase financial, IT and some administrative services from Corporate Services of the Nursing Council.

We also launched our new website and Be Safe. series, as well as livestreamed the National Midwifery Forum for the first time.

The Council has undertaken extensive consultation over changes to the Recertification Programme and done more competence reviews than previously, owing to the highest ever number of notifications being received in 2015/16.

We continued to enhance relationships with midwifery colleagues in Australia and the Pacific through joint attendance at conferences and forum.

A big thank you!

Thank you for all you do to offer a world class maternity service to women and their families in New Zealand. Because of the nature of midwifery, I know that many of you will still be working over the next month when so many other New Zealanders are



enjoying holiday time. The Council acknowledges and thanks you for this.

I wish you and your families a very happy and festive Christmas and New Year period and look forward to working with you in 2017.

Sharron Cole, CEO/Registrar,
Midwifery Council of New Zealand

APC applications for 2017/18 practising year

Online applications for your 2017/18 annual practising certificate will open at the beginning of February. We urge you to log on to the [website](#) before then so that you remember how to do so.

If you have forgotten your password, click on Login tab on website homepage and then click "Request new password". You will need to know the email address which is recorded for you in our Register.

DHB-employed midwives will be required by their DHB to complete their applications by a date set by them and notified to their midwives.

Each DHB will supply the Council with a list of midwives for whom they will pay the cost of the APC.

If your name is not on this list:

- you will need to pay personally and seek reimbursement from your DHB
- if you apply without payment, your application will be declined

Payment for all other applications must be made at the time of application. The most convenient way of doing this is by clicking the credit card option. This will then give two options for payment:

- Credit card
- "Account2Account" (takes you to your internet banking site, with Midwifery Council details pre-loaded for you)

If you decide to pay by non "Account2Account" internet banking, your reference must include your midwifery registration ID number. Unpaid applications will not be processed and will be declined.

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After the earthquake



Along with much of central New Zealand, the Council offices - and staff - were severely shaken and rattled by the 14 November earthquake.

The aftermath of the earthquake was a testing time for the Council as, although our building did not suffer structural damage, it took two weeks for the engineer's written report to come through. In the interim, the staff worked remotely and managed to maintain services although at a slower pace than normal.

Our inconvenience compared to the significant damage and disruption sustained by people in Kaikoura and North Canterbury is relatively minor and we acknowledge the challenging times they have been and continue to go through.

Health Workforce New Zealand and Council data

Various events concerning midwifery and maternity services during 2015 and 2016 have highlighted the need for much more sophisticated and accurate midwifery workforce data. The Council therefore is working with Health Workforce New Zealand in the development of a midwifery workforce model which will assist in the planning of workforce requirements now and in the future.

The Council currently provides Health Workforce New Zealand with aggregated data that it receives from midwives as part of the annual workforce survey.

For the purposes of the projection modelling the data may need to be provided in a different form.

The Council reassures midwives that any data provided carries a strict caveat that it can only be for the purposes of workforce projection modelling and will not be used for any other purposes.

The Council is working through any potential privacy issues associated with the provision of the data and will update you in early 2017.

If you have any questions, please contact the Council on 04 499 5040.

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Prestigious international appointment for ex Council chair

We are delighted that Sally Pairman, three term Chair and foundation member of the Midwifery Council has been appointed as the Chief Executive of the International Confederation of Midwives (ICM).

We have no doubt that Sally's leadership and organisational skills, in addition to her midwifery expertise, will add impetus to ICM achieving its goals for improved outcomes for women, their newborn and families during the childbearing. We wish Sally and her husband Mike all the very best as they begin their new life in the Netherlands in 2017.

Recertification Programme 2017 - 2020

From 1 April 2017, the major change to the Recertification Programme is that the Midwifery Practice and the Breastfeeding Study days will be replaced by midwifery-focused education.

What about requirements in the 2014 - 17 programme that have not been completed by 31 March 2017?

All requirements of the 2014 - 17 period remain with current due dates.

Midwives are expected to complete those requirements before they apply for a new practising certificate. That means they must have undertaken Midwifery Practice and Breastfeeding Study Days in the three years before 1 April 2017.

The date for their next MSR remains the date set down at their last review.

Full details about the changes to the Recertification Programme can be found on the [website](#).

1 February

Applications for practising certificates for 17/18 open online

15-16 February

DIARY



Council meeting

1 April

2017-2020 Recertification Programme begins



Council offices

The Council is now located on:

Level 5, 22-28 Willeston St, Wellington.

Phone and fax remain the same but the postal address has changed to:

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