

Midpoint

Midwifery Council New Zealand Newsletter

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Welcome to the 2017/18 practising year. The Council sends its best wishes for a fulfilling and successful 2017 to all midwives.

It is of course that time of year when all midwives intending to practise over the next year must apply online for a practising certificate. The new website is designed to make this process easier and the good news is that 60+ new graduate midwives who have just applied for their first APC have not had any problems.

The Council described changes to the Recertification Programme in the December newsletter. We are confident the new programme is simpler and should better cater for individual midwives' learning needs and better support their continuing improvement in practice.

We encourage open communication between midwives and the Council so if you have issues and problems, please contact us so that we can work together to resolve them.

Sharron Cole, CEO/Registrar

APC 2017/18

Online applications for your 2017/18 annual practising certificate are now



open.

APC applications for 2017/18 open

The website page [Applying for your APC](#) will assist you in renewing your annual practising certificate for the 2017-2018 practising year.

Please take the time to click on the link – you will find the information helpful. The fee remains at \$400, comprising \$350 Annual Practising Certificate + \$50 Disciplinary levy.

Our new website has solved the problem of Hotmail not receiving our system-generated emails but Gmail is still sending them to the junk email box.

If you have held a practising certificate in a practising year and wish to practise at any time in the first quarter of the following year, you must complete your renewal application by 31 March.

Failure to renew before 31 March will mean that an additional late fee of \$200 is payable as there are additional administrative requirements for the Council to complete.

Important message about APCs from the MoH

This important message about APCs comes 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 2017 and is not renewed from 1 April 2017, your authorisation to provide and claim for maternity services

maternity services under the Notice will be suspended until a current APC is in place.

If you will not be renewing your APC from 1 April 2017, please contact the Ministry of Health by emailing:

DunedinAASupport@moh.govt.nz

with your name, postal address, Midwifery Council registration number and a brief explanation why.

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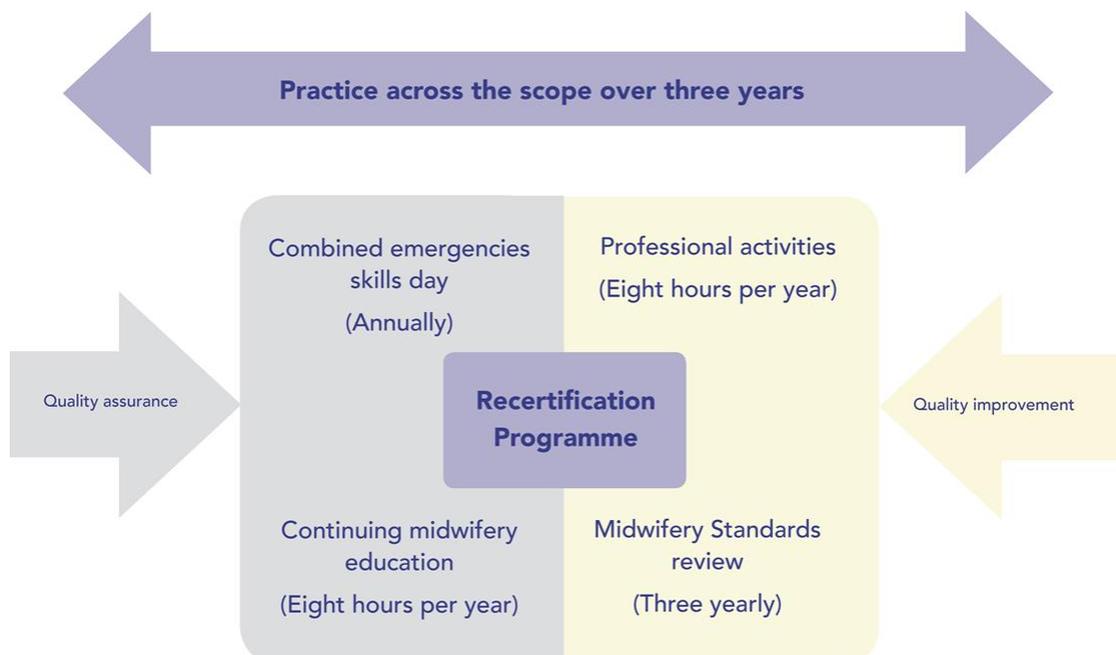
Recertification Programme 2017 - 2020

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.

The new framework takes effect from 1 April but you need to have met the requirements of the 2014-17 programme. This [Recertification Programme PDF](#) sets out the components of the new programme.

If you require clarification about your Recertification Programme requirements, check out the document on the transition to the new framework. If you still have questions, please contact the Council secretariat. We are always happy to assist.

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



ACC Workshops

The ACC Neonatal Encephalopathy Taskforce has been working on a long term



strategy to reduce the number of NE cases in New Zealand by 10% by 2021 by targeting avoidable neonatal encephalopathy. It invites midwives to attend a regional workshops in February and March so that it can tell you in detail what it is working on, get your input into ways of improving outcomes for mothers and babies. The [NE Taskforce's first newsletter](#) gives information about its composition, strategy and initiatives. It also gives details on where and when the various regional workshops will be held and how to register.

DIARY



1 February

Applications for practising certificates for 17/18 open online

15-16 February

Council meeting

1 April

2017-2020 Recertification Programme begins



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Level 5, 22-28 Willeston St, Wellington.

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

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