

How do I practise dietetics legally in New Zealand?



You **MUST** be both **REGISTERED** and **HOLD AN ANNUAL PRACTISING CERTIFICATE (APC)** to practise legally in New Zealand.

Registration is usually a once-in-a-lifetime process. Your APC is valid for a maximum of one year and must be renewed annually.

Are you registered with the Dietitians Board?

YES
I am registered

NO
I am not registered

Are you using your dietetic skills and knowledge in your employment or voluntary work?

Please refer to the **Scope of Practice** and to the **Professional Standards & Competencies for Dietitians** for clarification

NO

If **NO**, you do **NOT** need an APC but **must** make an annual non-practising declaration to remain on the Register

YES

If **YES**, do you have a current APC?

YES

If **YES**, then you are legally entitled to call yourself a Dietitian and to practise as such in New Zealand

NO

If **NO**, please contact the Board's office urgently, because you could be in breach of your obligations as a registered health practitioner under the HPCA Act 2003

How do I apply for an Annual Practising Certificate?

If you are a recent New Zealand graduate from an accredited course applying for your **first** APC, please use the application form on the Boards website for **new New Zealand Graduates**.

If you are a recent overseas registrant applying for your **first** APC in New Zealand, please use the application form on the Boards website for **first-time overseas applicants**.

If you are a recent registrant through the Australia/New Zealand mutual recognition process applying for your **first** APC, please use the application form on the Boards website for **first-time overseas applicants**.

If you have been on maternity leave or living overseas and have taken a break from practice for less than 3 years, please use the form on the Boards website for **those who have**

It is illegal to call yourself a Dietitian in New Zealand, or to imply that you are one, if you are not registered. You **MUST** apply for Registration if you wish to work as, or call yourself, a Dietitian.

How do I apply for registration?

If you are a graduate from one of these accredited courses in New Zealand:

- Postgraduate Diploma in Dietetics from the University of Otago
- Masters of Dietetics from the University of Otago
- Master of Science (Nutrition and Dietetics) from Massey University
- Master of Health Sciences in Nutrition and Dietetics from the University of Auckland

please go to: <http://www.dietitiansboard.org.nz/Registration/NZ-Graduate>

If you hold a dietetic qualification from an overseas institution, please go to: <http://www.dietitiansboard.org.nz/Registration/Overseas-Trained>

If you hold APD status from the Dietitians Association of Australia, please go to: <http://www.dietitiansboard.org.nz/Registration/Australian-Trained>

If you were once registered but are no longer registered (you asked to cancel your entry in the Register or have been removed from the Register), please contact the Board's office for advice.

held an APC within the last 3 years.

If it is more than 3 years since you last held an APC, please contact the Board's office for advice on your situation.

If you currently hold an APC and will be renewing it in March please make sure you have updated your contact details on the website or advised the Boards office. Information will be sent out via email prior to the March annual renewal period.