

Vacancies on the Pharmacy Council – Te Pou Whakamana Kaimatū o Aotearoa

The Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) is seeking candidates who wish to be considered for appointment as **health practitioner OR lay** members of [Pharmacy Council – Te Pou Whakamana Kaimatū o Aotearoa](#) (the Council), a responsible authority under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (the HPCA Act). The purpose of the Council is to protect the health and safety of members of the public by ensuring that pharmacists are fit and competent to practice.

About the role – Kōrero mō te tūranga

Being a member of the Council is rewarding and challenging. You will be committed to improving the health of New Zealanders, through contribution to the governance of the Board's legislative requirements.

The functions of responsible authorities are set out under [section 118 of the HPCA Act](#). More information about the Council is available in the attached terms of reference and the [Council's website](#) including Governance guidelines.

Appointments to the Council are made by the Associate Minister of Health, Hon David Seymour, for terms of up to three years. Members can be reappointed for up to nine consecutive years.

The Ministry recognises that diversity enables our boards and councils to be high-performing and is committed to ensuring they represent the diversity in New Zealand's population, including gender, ethnicity, disability, age and geographic location. The Ministry encourages people from all backgrounds, especially those who can reflect the needs, values, and beliefs of Māori, and have an understanding of and are committed to meeting the obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi, to apply for these roles.

About you – Kōrero mōu

For all applicants, governance and/or regulatory experience is a plus but not required. It is beneficial if you have the ability to lead strategically, and to balance competing demands.

Preferred skills and attributes for health practitioner and laypeople positions include:

- Understanding of educational qualifications and the provision of tertiary education
- Public policy and leadership in the development and implementation of policy
- Wider pharmacy knowledge in other jurisdictions and/or involved in roles that require a wider environmental understanding of pharmacy
- Specialist pharmacy experience (e.g. a pharmacist prescriber)
- Recent pharmacy experience and/or pharmacy ownership experience

Health practitioner applicants must be a registered health practitioner and have a good understanding of the scope of practice, competencies and code of ethics or conduct.

Under section 5 of the HPCA Act, **laypeople** applicants cannot be qualified or registered as health practitioners. Preferred laypeople candidates will also:

- have strong governance experience
- be able to represent community and consumer interests
- be familiar with relevant legislation.

Please note that members of a responsible authority board cannot simultaneously be a member of the Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal (the Tribunal) given the disciplinary function of the Tribunal over health practitioners.

How to apply – Me pēhea te tono

Applications must be made using the Ministry of Health online [Career Centre](#) by close of business **9 December 2025** and include:

- a covering letter, and
- a current CV.

Due diligence checks will be undertaken for shortlisted applicants. Your personal information will be handled in accordance with the [Privacy Act 2020](#). The Ministry may also request that the New Zealand Security Intelligence Service conduct national security screening of you as part of the appointment process.

The appointment process can be lengthy, taking up to six months. Your patience and professionalism as we work through the next steps is appreciated. The outcome of the recruitment process for the Council will be confirmed after it has been considered by the [Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee](#).

Who we are – Ko wai mātou

See the [Ministry of Health Board appointments webpage](#) for more information.

If you would like to obtain further information or clarification, or if your circumstances change or should you wish to withdraw your application, please contact the Statutory Appointments and Integrity Services team by emailing: appointments@health.govt.nz

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Associate Minister of Education
Associate Minister of Finance
Associate Minister of Health
Associate Minister of Justice

20 MAY 2026

Dianne Vicary
s 9(2)(a)

Dear Dianne

Appointment as a health practitioner member of the Pharmacy Council of New Zealand – Te Pou Whakamana Kaimatū o Aotearoa

Congratulations on your appointment as a health practitioner member of the Pharmacy Council of New Zealand – Te Pou Whakamana Kaimatū o Aotearoa (the Council).

In accordance with section 120 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, I hereby appoint you as a health practitioner member of the Council for a three-year term of office commencing 2 June 2026 and ending 1 June 2029.

Attached to this letter are the terms and conditions of your appointment. Any necessary further information will be provided by the Council's Chief Executive, Michael Pead.

Please formally acknowledge your appointment by signing the attached memorandum and emailing it to appointments@health.govt.nz.

Thank you and congratulations again on your appointment.

Yours sincerely

Hon David Seymour
for **Minister of Health**

Encl: Terms and Conditions
Appointment Memorandum

Cc Michael Pead, Chief Executive, Pharmacy Council of New Zealand
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Statutory Appointments and Integrity Services, Ministry of Health,
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MEMORANDUM

To: Stasha Mason
Manager
Statutory Appointments and Integrity Services
Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora

Email: appointments@health.govt.nz

Subject: **Appointment as a health practitioner member of the Pharmacy Council of New Zealand – Te Pou Whakamana Kaimatū o Aotearoa**

From: Dianne Vicary

1. I acknowledge my appointment as a health practitioner member of the Pharmacy Council of New Zealand – Te Pou Whakamana Kaimatū o Aotearoa (the Council) pursuant to section 120 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 for a three-year term of office commencing 2 June 2026 and ending 1 June 2029.
2. I have read, understand, and accept the terms and conditions of my appointment.

Signed

Date



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20 MAY 2026

Vicky Chan
s 9(2)(a)

Dear Vicky

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Email: appointments@health.govt.nz

Subject: **Appointment as a health practitioner member of the Pharmacy Council of New Zealand – Te Pou Whakamana Kaimatū o Aotearoa**

From: Vicky Chan

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2. I have read, understand, and accept the terms and conditions of my appointment.

Signed

Date

21/05/2026

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Associate Minister of Justice



20 MAY 2026

Lisa Burns

s 9(2)(a)

Dear Lisa

Appointment as a lay member of the Pharmacy Council of New Zealand – Te Pou Whakamana Kaimatū o Aotearoa

Congratulations on your appointment as a lay member of the Pharmacy Council of New Zealand – Te Pou Whakamana Kaimatū o Aotearoa (the Council).

In accordance with section 120 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, I hereby appoint you as a layperson member of the Council for a three-year term of office commencing 2 June 2026 and ending 1 June 2029.

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MEMORANDUM

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Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora

Email: appointments@health.govt.nz

Subject: **Appointment as a lay member of the Pharmacy Council of New Zealand
– Te Pou Whakamana Kaimatū o Aotearoa (the Council)**

From: Lisa Burns

1. I acknowledge my appointment as a lay member of the Pharmacy Council of New Zealand – Te Pou Whakamana Kaimatū o Aotearoa (the Council) pursuant to section 120 of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 for a three-year term of office commencing 2 June 2026 and ending 1 June 2029.
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Signed _____

21 May 2026
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