

Te Poari o ngā Kaihaumanu Hinengaro o Aotearoa (Board) Mahi and Te Tiriti o Waitangi

*Te kī tūhono mō ake tonu
Relationship/partnerships are forever*

The Board acknowledges Te Tiriti o Waitangi as the foundation of the relationship between Tangata Whenua¹ and Tangata Tiriti² in Aotearoa New Zealand.

The principal purpose of the Board is to protect the health and safety of the public by providing mechanisms to ensure that psychotherapists are competent and fit to practise their professions.

The Board's functions are defined under [Section 118](#) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (HPCA ACT).

The purpose of this policy statement is to outline the Board's position and to ensure Te Tiriti o Waitangi is reflected in all Board mahi.

Background

In Aotearoa New Zealand, Te Tiriti o Waitangi established an agreement between Tangata Whenua and the Crown.

The Board acknowledges that Te Tiriti o Waitangi provides the foundation for the respectful relationship between Tangata Whenua and Tangata Tiriti.

Implementation

The Board and its employees are committed to working in ways that:

1. Ensure that accredited training providers facilitate trainees cultural competencies³. This will ensure that trainee psychotherapists are being adequately prepared to practise competently with both Tangata Whenua and Tangata Tiriti clients.

The Board will monitor prescribed qualifications to ensure the training provider programmes and pathways meet the Board's cultural competencies.

2. Ensure that psychotherapists are engaged in on-going professional development including the Board's cultural competencies, so that they can competently mahi with both Tangata Whenua and Tangata Tiriti.

The Board will monitor this through recertification plan engagement and recertification plan audit processes.

3. Ensure that those seeking registration in Aotearoa New Zealand, with an overseas psychotherapy qualification, will undertake learning and demonstrate understanding of Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the implications of this in Aotearoa New Zealand health practices.

The Board will monitor this through a condition that requires psychotherapists with overseas psychotherapy qualifications to provide evidence that they are competent to practise in the Aotearoa New Zealand context. This evidence will be required within twelve (12) months of

¹ Tangata Whenua: Generic term for people comprising those with mana whenua responsibilities (People who are tied culturally to an area by whakapapa and whose ancestors who lived and died there), together with taurahere (people, resident in an area, but who belong to waka and tribes from other parts of Aotearoa New Zealand).

² Tangata Tiriti: Generic term to describe people whose rights to live in Aotearoa New Zealand derive from Te Tiriti o Waitangi and the arrangements that the Crown has established under a common rule of law, and the equity provisions of Article 3 of Te Tiriti.

³ As well as the Core Clinical Competences and Ethical Standards of Conduct

being registered by the Board.

4. Ensure that Te Tiriti of Waitangi is reflected in the Board's strategic and annual plan.

The Board will keep psychotherapists and stakeholders informed on how it is implementing its strategic plan to ensure Te Tiriti o Waitangi is reflected in all Board mahi.

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