

# Appendix 3: Declaration of Competence

You need to complete this form if you are applying for an Annual Practising Certificate (APC) in New Zealand for the first time.

An APC is issued when the Board is satisfied that an applicant:

* has New Zealand qualifications and experience that meet with the Board’s qualification and eligibility for registration policy; or
* has qualifications and experience which have been assessed as equivalent to the Board eligibility for registration policy; and
* meets the criteria in all aspects of fitness to practise.

***This section to be completed by the applicant***

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| I am applying under:  Psychotherapist Scope of Practice  Psychotherapist Scope of Practice with Child and Adolescent Psychotherapist Specialism  Interim Psychotherapist Scope of Practice |

You must sign the following declaration. If you are unable to answer any of these questions or your answer is ‘false’ contact the Board for further assistance.

If you have a health condition which may affect your ability to practise safely, please ensure those details are attached to your supporting documentation (Appendix 5)

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| I       solemnly and sincerely declare that: | | |
| 1. I am practising psychotherapy at the date of this application | True | False |
| 1. Within the 3 years immediately preceding the date of this application I have been lawfully practising psychotherapy as a psychotherapist | True | False |
| 1. I believe to the best of my knowledge that I am competent to practise in accordance with the scope of practice I am qualified to work within and that there are no mental or physical conditions I am aware of that may compromise that competence | True | False |
| 1. I have submitted a copy of my criminal conviction information held by the Ministry of Justice for the Board’s consideration | True | False |

Applicant details – *This section to be completed by the applicant*

I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing the same to be true by virtue of the Oaths and Declarations Act 1957.

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| Name: |
| Date of birth: |
| Application reference number: |
| Date: |

Certifier details – *This section to be completed by the certifier*

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| Name: |
| Address: |
| Occupation: |
| Date: |
| Signature: |

Penalty for wrongfully procuring registration

It is your responsibility to ensure the information supplied to the Board is true and correct. If it is subsequently shown that you have obtained registration fraudulently, your entry in the register will be cancelled and you will be unable to lawfully practise in New Zealand. You may face imprisonment and/or a fine of $10,000.