

Terms and Conditions of Application for Registered Nurse Primary Care Scholarship

1. Introduction

- 1.1. Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora (Health NZ) funds the Scholarship. The Scholarship is open to RNs and RN Prescribers working in Primary or Community Healthcare settings.
- 1.2. This document sets out the Conditions that apply to Applications for Scholarships.
- 1.3. Please read the Conditions in conjunction with the guidance on the website [
- 1.4. <https://www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/assets/For-health-professionals/Workforce-development/Nursing/Application-Guide.pdf>].

2. Interpretation

- 2.1. In these Conditions:
 - a) Capitalised words have the meanings set out in the Defined Terms table in clause 3 below;
 - b) the plural includes the singular and vice versa;
 - c) a document (however described and including these Conditions) includes that document as amended or replaced from time to time;
 - d) derivatives of any defined word or term have a corresponding meaning; and
 - e) "including" and similar words do not imply any limitation.

3. Defined Terms

TERM	MEANING
Applicant	Registered Nurse who is applying for the Scholarship.
Application	Means an application by an Applicant for the relevant Application Round.
Application Round	The end-to-end process from any Applications being opened, completed by Applicants, Applications being assessed, through to any Scholarships being Offered by Health NZ and accepted or declined by Applicants. Application Rounds are for study in the following academic year.
Approved Course	One or more papers within a Qualification to which the Scholarship applies.
Clinical Role	Direct patient-facing role.
Closing Date	Final date for submitting Applications for the Application Round.
Conditions	These terms and conditions applicable to the Scholarship.

District	Health New Zealand District
FTE	Full-time equivalent, working 40 hours per week. Work requirements will be expressed as decimals of an FTE.
Nurse Practitioner	A New Zealand registered Nurse Practitioner, registered with the Nursing Council of New Zealand.
Nursing Council	The Nursing Council of New Zealand
Offer	A formal offer of a Scholarship to an Applicant, with additional terms and conditions of acceptance.
Portal	Any online method that may be made available by Health NZ to Applicants for accessing, completing and managing Applications.
Primary or Community Healthcare Setting	<p>The first point of contact people have with the healthcare system within their community. It encompasses a wide range of services focused on prevention, early intervention, and ongoing management of health conditions. Primary healthcare settings are where most people receive their initial assessment, diagnosis, and treatment for illnesses, injuries, and chronic conditions.</p> <p>The following settings are regarded as Primary or Community Healthcare Settings; the list is not exhaustive:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aged care provider • Hauora Māori primary care services • Home and community support services • Pacific primary care services • Palliative care • Primary care general practice • Primary Health Organisation • Rural primary care or community care provider • Tamariki and youth services including school nurses • Urgent Care
Qualification	<p>A qualification that is accredited by the Nursing Council as a pathway leading to registration as a Nurse Practitioner, a Registered Nurse or a Registered Nurse Prescriber.</p> <p>The current list is available as Appendix 1.</p>
RN	A New Zealand registered nurse, registered with the Nursing Council.
RN Prescriber	A New Zealand registered nurse designated prescriber, registered with the Nursing Council.
Scholarship	Registered Nurse Primary Care Scholarship.
Tertiary Provider	A tertiary education organisation listed in Appendix 1 that offers education or training for post-graduate study, leading to a Qualification. Note: while tertiary providers may include universities, polytechnics, wānanga, private training establishments and other institutions, for the purpose of the Scholarship, they are restricted to

	the organisations listed in Appendix 1 offering Qualifications.
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4. Scope of these Conditions

- 4.1. These Conditions apply to Applications for the 2025 Scholarship Application Round for study taking place in 2026 and beyond.
- 4.2. These Conditions only apply to the Scholarship Application process. If you are Offered a Scholarship, you will be asked to agree to additional terms and conditions that will govern the award of the Scholarship at the point of accepting the Offer, for the duration of the Scholarship. These additional terms and conditions will cover the requirements for keeping the Scholarship and may include confirmation of employment and anything else Health NZ reasonably considers to be relevant.
- 4.3. For the purposes of the Scholarship, Health NZ may include or exclude any setting in the definition of Primary or Community Healthcare Settings, in its absolute discretion.

5. Application terms

- 5.1. When you apply for a Scholarship you agree that:
 - a) If required by Health NZ, Applications must be made via the Portal and you must keep your contact details up to date in the Portal;
 - b) Your Application must be complete, with all necessary documents attached in PDF or JPG format. Incomplete Applications will not be reviewed;
 - c) If you submit an Application that contains untrue, fraudulent or misleading information, your Application will be disqualified from the Application Round; and
 - d) No extension to the Closing Date will be granted for individual Applicants. However, in its sole discretion, Health NZ may extend the Closing Date for the whole Scholarship Application Round.
- 5.2. In making its decision to award any Scholarships, Health NZ may use prioritisation criteria that include factors such as geographic distribution of qualified personnel, the current number and proportion of RN Prescribers and Nurse Practitioners in a District, the Applicant nearness to completing their Qualification, and the needs of different Primary or Community Healthcare Settings across New Zealand.
- 5.3. Notwithstanding clause 5.2, Health NZ will determine whether any Scholarships will be awarded, the number of Scholarships awarded, who may be offered a Scholarship, and the location of practice of any Scholarship awarded, all in its sole discretion.
- 5.4. It is your responsibility to keep your contact information up to date by logging into the Portal and sending a message to the Scholarship administrator.

6. Privacy

- 6.1. Health NZ values the privacy of Applicants and wants to ensure that all their personal information is respected and kept secure.
- 6.2. The following Health NZ privacy statements apply:
- a) the My Health Account Workforce Privacy Statement - <https://www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/for-health-professionals/my-health-account-workforce/privacy-statement>; and
 - b) the Registered Nurse Primary Care Scholarship Privacy Statement - <https://www.tewhatauora.govt.nz/assets/For-health-professionals/Workforce-development/Nursing/Privacy-Statement>
- 6.3. You will be advised if you are Offered a Scholarship or not, but individual feedback will not be provided on Applications.
- 6.4. You may withdraw your Application at any time. If your application has been submitted, log in to the portal and send a message requesting you application be withdrawn.
- 6.5. No personal information will be released by Health NZ to any other person about the Scholarship decisions, although aggregated, anonymised information concerning the Applications may be used freely by Health NZ. For example, data from the Scholarship Application Round may be used at an aggregated, non-identifying level for reporting and workforce planning.
- 6.6. You must not share your login details (e.g., username, password, or any similar authentication token) with anyone. When you are logged into Portal you will not allow access by any other person to this Portal.
- 6.7. You understand that all access to the Portal will be logged for Health NZ auditing, reporting and management purposes.

7. Eligibility

- 7.1. In Applying for a Scholarship you agree to the following conditions:
- a) You must meet the following eligibility requirements for the Scholarship, both at the time you apply for the Scholarship and at the time when you are Offered the Scholarship:
 - i) you are a New Zealand citizen or a New Zealand permanent resident;
 - ii) you are a Registered Nurse with a current Annual Practicing Certificate with no conditions;
 - iii) you are currently employed and working at a minimum of 0.4 FTE in a Clinical Role in an appropriate Primary or Community Healthcare Setting;
 - iv) you are studying, or genuinely intend to study, towards obtaining a Qualification leading to registration as an RN Prescriber and/or Nurse Practitioner; and
 - v) you will be continuing to study, or you intend to start studying, in the 2026 academic year.
 - b) Health NZ employees and Health NZ contractors are not eligible for the Scholarship.

8. Qualifications

- 8.1. Only Qualifications accredited by the Nursing Council as pathways leading to registration as a

Nurse Practitioner or RN Prescriber are eligible for this Scholarship. Any Offers of Scholarships will reflect this and a change in course of study will invalidate a Scholarship Offer.

- 8.2. Any Scholarship Offer from Health NZ will be conditional on you being enrolled and accepted in a Qualification course of study.
- 8.3. It is your responsibility to enquire with the Tertiary Provider if you are eligible and meet their enrolment requirements and it is your responsibility to enrol with the Tertiary Provider in the Qualification and to provide proof of enrolment if requested by Health NZ.
- 8.4. Health NZ will not fund any Qualification paper or unit of study more than once.
- 8.5. Study completed prior to the Scholarship Offer will not be reimbursed.
- 8.6. Applicants Offered a Scholarship will have up to three years from the time of the Offer to complete 120 credits of postgraduate study of Approved Courses leading to a Qualification. This period of time will be pro-rated (shortened) if some study towards the Qualification has already been completed and credited to the Applicant at the time of the Offer.
- 8.7. Any Scholarship Offer may be full or partial, depending on the Applicant's current progress along the Qualification pathway.

9. Scholarship Offer

- 9.1. Any Scholarship Offer from Health NZ will be conditional on you accepting the additional Offer Terms and Conditions that will be provided with the Offer. These will explain the requirements for keeping the Scholarship.

10. Privacy and security breaches

- 10.1. You will notify Health New Zealand Privacy (HNZPrivacy@tewhatauora.govt.nz) and Health New Zealand Information Security (HNZInfoSec@health.govt.nz) immediately of any suspected or actual unauthorised access to, or use of, any of your user accounts.

Appendix 1

Programmes accredited by the Nursing Council as pathways leading to registration as a Nurse Practitioner or Registered Nurse designated prescriber

This list is issued by the Nursing Council. The version below is dated August 2024 and is current as at 27 July 2025. If the Nursing Council issues any changes to this list, those changes will be deemed to form part of these Conditions.

Education Provider	Qualification
Ara Institute of Canterbury	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Postgraduate Diploma in Health Practice (Registered Nurse Prescribing)Master of Nursing

Education Provider	Qualification
Auckland University of Technology, Te Wananga Aronui O Tamaki Makau Rau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postgraduate Diploma in Registered Nurse Prescribing • Master of Health Science Advanced Nursing Practice
Eastern Institute of Technology, Te Aho A Maui, Te Pukenga	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science (Registered Nurse Prescribing) • Master of Nursing
Massey University, Te Kunenga Ki Purehuroa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing (for Nurse Prescribing training) • Master of Nursing
The University of Auckland, Waipapa Taumata Rau	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advanced Nursing - Registered Nurse Designated Prescriber • Master of Nursing
University of Canterbury, Te Whare Wananga o Waitaha	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing (Registered Nurse Prescriber) • Master of Advanced Nursing (Nurse Practitioner)
University of Otago, Te Whare Wananga o Otago ki Otautahi	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postgraduate Diploma in Health Sciences – Designated prescriber registered nurse Master of Advanced Nursing Practice
University of Waikato, Te Whare Wananga o Waikato	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postgraduate Diploma of Health Science (Registered Nurse Prescriber pathway) • Master of Health Science
Victoria University of Wellington, Te Herenga Waka	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing Science (Nurse Prescribing pathway) • Master of Nursing Science
Wintec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postgraduate Diploma in Nursing (Registered Nurse Prescribing pathway) • Master of Nursing