

2017 HWNZ Postgraduate Funding Eligibility and Prioritisation

To be eligible for HWNZ Postgraduate Nursing Training funding each trainee shall:

- be registered as a nurse or a nurse practitioner under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act (2003)
- hold a current annual practicing certificate (APC) with no restrictions on that APC that would negatively impact on their ability to participate in the programme.
- be currently employed as a registered nurse by a health service that is funded by the DHB or Ministry of Health from Vote Health
- be a New Zealand citizen or hold a New Zealand residency permit as conferred by the New Zealand Immigration Service
- have evidence of support by their current employer to meet the training requirements
- meet the entry criteria required by the education provider.

DHBs plan services and forecast future workforce needs for the health of their populations. The HWNZ Postgraduate Nursing Training funding will assist DHBs to develop their nursing workforce according to their planned needs in response to Government policy. DHBs will be responsible for prioritising appropriate postgraduate nursing training programmes, in accordance with:

- prioritised workforce needs, identified by the DHB and local PHOs and NGOs
- the District Annual Plan and District Strategic Plan
- the collective Workforce Action Plan (WAP) of the 21 DHBs
- Government priorities and national health policy.

Priority will firstly be determined related to the relevance of the programme of study to improving health targets, and to achieving the outcomes of the MDHB District Strategic Plan. The next area that will determine priority will be as follows:

Priority 1:

- Nurses who are completing a qualification (as per CTA specifications) within the academic year applied for and the qualification is a requirement for their role.

Priority 2:

- Nurses who are part way through a qualification (as per CTA specifications) and the qualification is a requirement for their role.

Priority 3:

- Nurses commencing a qualification (as per CTA specifications) and the qualification is a requirement for their role.

Priority 4:

- Nurses who plan to complete a qualification (as per CTA specifications) within the academic year applied for and the qualification is not a requirement for their role.

Priority 5:

- Nurses part way through a qualification (as per CTA specifications) and the qualification is not a requirement for their role.

Priority 6:

- Nurses commencing a qualification (as per CTA specifications) and the qualification is not a requirement for their role.