

## Te Heamana – Te Manahautu

### Message from - the Chair and the Chief Executive

Tēnā koutou katoa

Welcome to 2026. As we are writing this introduction to the newsletter, analysis of the scope of practice consultation is underway. Thank you to everyone who provided us with feedback – this will help to inform the Board’s decision. We will then share the results and the Board’s decision with registered practitioners and stakeholders.

We also acknowledge the practitioners who provided feedback on the remote practice consultation. This information will be discussed at an upcoming Board meeting, where decisions will be made about next steps.

The annual practising certificate (APC) round has now commenced. This will be the first time that you have completed the renewal process using our new practitioner management system. We encourage you to make your application early, so you have enough time to familiarise yourself with the new system (you’ll also need to reset your password), and review the information provided – including the [privacy statement](#). You can read more about all of this further along in the newsletter.

Please also read about changes to our privacy statement, also mentioned in this issue. The statement has been updated to reflect changes within our financial system, including the information that is stored and retained there.

In 2026, the Board’s work will include completing the scope of practice project and continuing to work with Te Manu Mātārae (our Māori practitioners advisory committee) to strengthen cultural competence and safety for both practitioners and the public. The Board will also review its strategic plan to decide which projects to prioritise over the next few years. This work may be impacted by any proposed changes to the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003.

There will be several changes to the Board’s membership in 2026. A number of members (practitioners and lay people) have told us they will either step down, or have reached their maximum term, and are not available for reappointment. We thank each of them for their contributions and their commitment to protecting public health and safety during their time on the Board.

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Last year (July to October), we audited practitioners' participation in recertification - keeping up with their CPD requirements. Although the next audit doesn't happen until 2027 we recommend you regularly record your professional development so that you're not scrambling to try and remember when it comes time to report on it later.

The new practitioner system lets you upload your documents directly. People called for audit, who used it in 2025, told us it made the process faster. We encourage you to use the system to help make your communication with us easier, and make sure your information stays up to date.

Thank you for the important work you do for people in Aotearoa New Zealand, and we wish you a safe and successful 2026.

Ngā mihi nui



Anthony Bow  
MRTB Chair



Dr Susan Calvert  
Chief Executive

## Board members

At the February Board meeting Shannon Ioane-Moala was appointed as the new Chair. And Allison Copland as the new Deputy Chair.

Outgoing Chair Anthony Bow was thanked for his service.

## Who 'we' are - what we do

The **Medical Radiation Technologists Board (MRTB)** is one of 18 health responsible authorities (RAs). Members are appointed by the Minister of Health under the **Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003**.

The Board makes sure that medical imaging and radiation therapy practitioners are competent and safe to practise.

## Changes to menus and pages

Previously	Now
<b>About us</b>	Still <b>About us</b> , but now includes <b>Contact us</b> and <b>Useful links</b>
<b>Resources</b>	Now called <b>Resources and publications</b> (includes links to news items about annual reports and newsletters)
<b>Contact us</b>	Now located under <b>About us</b>
<b>Useful links</b>	Now located under <b>About us</b> <b>Consultations</b> is a new page with sections for current and closed consultations
<b>News</b>	News items on the homepage look different – you can now see <b>up to nine</b> items without leaving the page
<b>Footer</b>	Now includes a link to our <b>Privacy and security</b> page and the <a href="#">privacy statement</a> , plus updated links under <b>About us</b>  We've added ' <b>content blocks</b> ' ('on this page') on the left-hand side of main pages so you can more easily find key information without having to scroll down the page

## Fee changes and APC renewal

### Outcome of fees consultation

Thank you to everyone who shared their views on the proposed practitioner fee changes for 2026/2027.

We published the outcome of this consultation in January. If you haven't seen it yet, you can read details on the website under the news item: [2026-2027 MRTB fees consultation outcome](#) – the document also includes a link to the 2026 Gazette notice.

The new fees took effect from **16 February 2026**.

### It's time to renew your APC

Your current Annual Practising Certificate (APC) for 2025/2026 expires on 31 March this year.

Please renew your 2026/2027 APC between now and 31 March 2026.

You may apply for an APC at any point during the year, but all APCs expire on 31 March, no matter when you apply.

#### Make sure your APC is current

You must hold a current APC to practise as a medical imaging or radiation therapist in Aotearoa New Zealand. Without one, you are **not legally allowed to work**.

Because we receive up to **9,000 applications** during the renewal period, we strongly recommend applying and paying early so there's enough time for your application to be processed before the 31 March deadline. Before contacting us with questions, check the website first - unless the issue is urgent.

The practising year runs from 1 April to 31 March the following year.

For more about how to apply for an APC/renewal, view [Already registered - Annual Practising Certificate \(APC\)](#) on the website.

We recently updated the online practitioner system.

You'll need to reset your password when logging into your profile (use your email address).

We just emailed registered and practising practitioners, and stakeholders, with more details - and updated information on the website. This includes:

- how to renew/apply for your APC (including a video)
- what happens after you apply
- links to key documents you need to know about
- FAQs (including information about fees, what to do if you have an issue, what to do if you're on leave, why you need an APC, and more).

### Bulk billing update and receipts

Some employers pay for their staff's APC using bulk funding. While we have offered this payment option before, we regret to advise it won't be available for the 2026/2027 renewal period. We are looking into whether we can bring it back in the future.



## Te Manu Mātārae

**Te Manu Mātārae** | The Māori Practitioners Advisory Committee is made up of practitioners from the different scopes of practice, and some lay members. They assist with reviewing key standards and codes of conduct, inform the Council about policy changes required to ensure practitioners have the competencies to enable effective interaction with Māori, and advise on related matters as per section 118 of the Act.

For more about them, view our website details here under [About us/Māori Practitioners Advisory Committee](#).

## Consultations and outcomes

The Board has the power to develop secondary legislation, such as defining the scope of practice, and the Code of Ethical Conduct.

*A type of law made by someone (or an organisation) who's been given the authority by Parliament to*

This usually involves the Board holding a consultation (with relevant practitioners and stakeholders) to get feedback that will help inform the official documents.

### Consultation outcomes

Since our last newsletter in November, we've emailed/published the following consultation outcomes:

- [MRTB practising certificate policy](#) (Nov 2025)
- [2026-2027 MRTB Board fees consultation outcome](#)

These are available on the website under [News](#).

### More to come

Thank you to those who were able to participate in the following consultations - these closed in January. Once the Board's reviewed all the feedback we'll let you know what the outcomes are.

- **MRTB scope of practice consultation** – you can view details on the website [here](#) – there was a survey, a consultation doc (with FAQs and a list of the survey questions), an information doc, a video, and a video script. The consultation closed at 11.59pm, Wednesday 28 January 2026.
- **MRTB remote access and hybrid models of care consultation** – you can view details on the website [here](#) – there was a survey, a consultation statement, an information doc (with FAQs, and a list of survey questions). The consultation closed at 11.59pm, Wednesday 28 January 2026.



## We have a new system

In June last year we went live with our **new practitioner management system**.

When you log in for the first time (as a registered practitioner), **you'll need to reset your password**. Use the same email address that you used in the old system.

For more information view details on our website [here](#) under News/new practitioner system LIVE.

## Website updates

When you visit the website, you'll notice we've made some improvements and moved a few things around.

- The website has a refreshed look, using our updated brand style.
- Key links - including **Search the public register**, **Register online**, and **Log in** — are now easier to find.
- We've added content blocks ('On this page') on the left side of main pages so you can quickly jump to important information without scrolling.

