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I welcome you to the November issue of Midpoint. After a tempestuous spring to date, we are hoping for some settled weather and fresh energy as we begin the final countdown to the end of the year.

There has been plenty going on in the Wellington office. We are excited that the updated version of the Scope of Practice for a Midwife has been made available for

comment. I would like to encourage you to [visit our website](#) to review the Scope statement and take advantage of the resource material that has been prepared to assist by providing a context and rationale for the revision.

Te Tatau o te Whare Kahu | Midwifery Council has advertised

for a new Chief Executive and Registrar and has had a good level of response. We will keep you informed of developments and look forward to welcoming the successful candidate into this key leadership role.

I would like to wish the midwifery students all the best as they prepare to take their end of year exams - and thank all the people who work in midwifery education for their mahi.

The 2021/2022 Annual Report has been completed and the published copy has been delivered to the Minister of Health. You are welcome to [view this online](#).

Thank you for everything you do to support whānau throughout Aotearoa on their pregnancy and birth journeys.

**Jessica Schreiber**

Tumu Whakahaere me te Pouroki | Chief Executive and Registrar (Acting)

## Continuing Professional Development – Recertification Programme

All midwives make an annual declaration which includes stating that they are engaged in the Te Tatau o te Whare Kahu | Council's Recertification Programme.

Engagement in the Programme is a professional responsibility and a way of demonstrating continuing competence to practise.

All midwives are expected to identify their learning needs and develop a professional development plan which will address where you may need to update knowledge or skills, attitudes and values within the Midwifery Scope of Practice.

This is to make sure you are giving evidence-informed care to keep women and their babies safe as well as meeting all the Competencies for Entry to the Register, specifically Competency Four which states that the midwife upholds professional midwifery standards and uses professional judgment as a reflective and critical practitioner when providing midwifery care.

**Please remember to make sure to update your MyMCANZ portal once education or activities are completed.**

## Revised Whānuitanga o Te Mahi | Scope of Midwifery Practice

**Kia ora tatou**

We welcome feedback on the updated version of the revised Scope of Practice statement.

As you know, the Scope review was undertaken by the Collaborative Reference Group (CRG) led by Co-Chairs Dr Hope Tupara and Dr Judith McAra-Couper.

The CRG was convened in 2020 and comprised members from a broad range of midwives and consumers across Aotearoa. The CRG used the three-whare Tiriti-led framework, to review and develop a contemporary Scope of Practice for Midwifery Practice in Aotearoa. Te Tatau o te Whare Kahu | Midwifery Council sought feedback on the revised Scope of Practice statement in April 2022. Based on the feedback received, the Council has made further adjustments to the Scope statement, and this is now available for comment.

If you would like to comment on the updated revised Scope of Practise statement, please email [feedback@midwiferycouncil.health.nz](mailto:feedback@midwiferycouncil.health.nz)

Work is continuing on the draft Standards of Competence for Entry to the Register of Midwives and we are about to commence working on the Pre-Registration Standards for Midwifery Education.

Find out more about the revised Scope statement. The Council has set the closing date for feedback to 21 November 2022.

Tamara Lomas, Project Manager, Kahu ki Hine Pae Ora



## Meet the team

The operational arm of Te Tatau o te Whare Kahu | Midwifery Council is the Secretariat. Primarily located in Wellington, the staff carry out all the day to day functions of the Council. We will be introducing you to members of the operations team – in this issue, we would like you to meet the Notifications Officer, Hamish Weren.

Kia ora, I have worked at Te Tatau o te Whare Kahu for approximately six months, after graduating from Te Herenga Waka | Victoria University of Wellington at the start of the year with a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Arts in Spanish and International Relations. I previously worked with the Ministry of Justice in an administrative and financial role while I was studying, but I am enjoying the challenges and opportunities to learn more about the midwifery profession, and the world of health regulation more broadly, in my role as Notifications Officer. My work involves the consideration and administration of complaints and notifications about midwives' practice, and ensuring that the correct statutory processes are followed so that midwives are fit to practise their profession.

Outside of work I am an avid sports fan and enjoy going to the gym, playing social netball, and watching sports – particularly rugby, basketball and football. I also enjoy going to quiz nights with friends, and as we enter the summer months, I am looking forward to getting outdoors and finding new bush walks to do around Wellington, or spending time at the beach.



Hamish Weren, Notifications Officer

## Expression of Interest – Whakamātautau Komiti members

Te Tatau o te Whare Kahu | Midwifery Council is calling for expressions of interest for suitably qualified and experienced Midwives and an educationalist, to be members of the Aotearoa New Zealand Midwifery Assessment Committee | Midwifery Whakamātautau Komiti.

The Midwifery Whakamātautau Komiti is established by Te Tatau o te Whare Kahu | Midwifery Council to provide expertise and oversight on the function, appropriateness and sustainability of the assessment of midwives applying to register with the Midwifery Council. The Komiti will ensure that the assessments align with the requirements for entry to the Register of Midwives in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Underpinning the purpose and function of the Komiti is its adoption of Te Tiriti o Waitangi Governance Relationship Framework policy. The Komiti will ensure all systems and processes honour Tiriti o Waitangi.

There are currently three positions available on the Komiti:

1. Tangata Whenua recently graduated midwife (new position)
2. Tangata Tiriti recently graduated midwife (new position)
3. Experienced midwifery educator or educationalist for academic assessment (vacant)

To be considered for the midwifery (excluding educationalist) roles you must have:

- Registration with the Midwifery Council
- A current practising certificate with no special conditions or requirements
- At least one year post registration experience

All roles require:

- The ability to attend online meetings once a month, with some work in between
- An interest in midwifery education and regulatory processes.

These are key, paid, positions that support the Council in its work in protecting the health and safety of whānau.

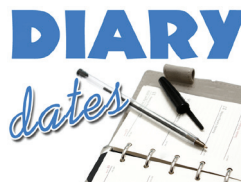
Please email your expressions of interest and curriculum vitae to Diana Austin (Senior Advisor Midwifery Education) via [education@midwiferycouncil.health.nz](mailto:education@midwiferycouncil.health.nz) or call 04 498 8995 x 864 if you have any questions or want to discuss these roles.

**Expressions close 28 November 2022.**

## Abortion legislation

Remember that Abortion Legislation education is a requirement for all midwives this recertification period.

Log in to [“Introduction to the Abortion Legislation and Midwifery Roles and Responsibilities”](#) is available for midwives to complete.



- 9 November 2022 the Council meets
- 1-2 December 2022 the Council meets