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You may be interested in Membership of the Institute of Clinical Psychology, which is a sub-group of the New Zealand Psychological Society (Incorporated). In this document you will find some general information about the ICP including the benefits of membership and our different membership categories. We hope this information helps you with considering joining and choosing the membership category that best suits your current situation.

We look forward to the prospect of having you as a member of our Institute.

# **NZPsS Institute of Clinical Psychology**

As part of the largest professional association of psychologists in New Zealand, the Institute of Clinical Psychology (ICP) shares the New Zealand Psychological Society's commitment to promote and disseminate psychology as a pure and applied science but with a specific focus on the discipline and interests of clinical psychology. Being a member of the Institute provides the combined benefits of the Society and the Institute, and is a great opportunity to contribute to clinical psychology in Aotearoa New Zealand

## **Aims of the Institute**

The Institute of Clinical Psychology was established in the interests of the public and the profession and with a commitment to biculturalism and diversity, to promote the highest standards of clinical psychological knowledge and practice within Aotearoa New Zealand.

The Institute specifically aims to:

- (i) Promote high standards of qualification, competency, and ethically sound practice in clinical psychology
- (ii) Promote high standards of continuing professional competence among members of the Institute
- (iii) Promote high standards of clinical psychological training and research
- (iv) Disseminate information about clinical psychology knowledge and practice in Aotearoa New Zealand
- (v) Practice and promote awareness of the Treaty of Waitangi as part of competent professional practice in clinical psychology.

## **Membership Criteria and Categories**

Full ICP membership requires meeting five main criteria:

- A current financial Member of NZPsS.
- New Zealand Registration as Psychologist in the Clinical Psychologist Scope of Practice.
- Holder of Current Annual Practising Certificate (APC) in the Clinical Psychologist Scope of Practice, issued by the New Zealand Psychologists Board.
- Holder of NZ postgraduate diploma in clinical psychology/professional doctorate in clinical psychology OR holder of recognised overseas equivalent.
- Provide evidence of safe practice through clinical supervision reports.

Other categories are available for those who are in the process of meeting full membership status (i.e., Associate Membership for those who are obtaining the requisite supervision and Student Membership for those completing a clinical psychology training programme), or who have an interest in clinical psychology but do not hold the required post-graduate qualification (i.e., Affiliate Membership). The full list of categories, criteria, and benefits is appended below.

## What are the benefits of belonging to the Institute?

Being a member of the ICP provides a range of benefits, including:

- **Recognition** – your professional status will be easily recognised by employing authorities and other professional bodies. Full Members receive a Certificate of Membership and can use the title MNZPsS, MICP.
- **Professional Support** – you will have the opportunity to meet and develop relationships with colleagues as part of a network of clinical psychologists throughout New Zealand.
- **Training and Conference** – you get discounted fees at ICP sponsored workshops and your opinions and preferences can help shape the training that is offered.
- **Consultation and Representation** – your views on relevant professional matters can be represented through ICP involvement in various government consultation groups and submissions.
- **Great Resources and Products** – the ICP annually offers small research and project grants designed with practising clinicians in mind, and a student research grant to present at the annual conference. .

## Membership Fees

The annual membership levy is \$55.00. Please provide payment of this levy along with your application. Once your membership application has been approved this payment will be processed. Thereafter a yearly levy is due with payment of your annual NZPsS levy. Student membership is free.

## Governance

The ICP was formally established at the NZPsS's 1999 AGM replacing the old Clinical Division of the New Zealand Psychological Society from the beginning of 2000. The ICP has an elected governing committee that meets four times yearly in Wellington to promote the Institute's aims. While subject to the rules of the Society, the ICP has its own set of governance rules, which are available on the NZPsS website or by request.

**So why not become a member of the Institute of Clinical Psychology!**

**Membership application is online here:**

[https://www.psychology.org.nz/membership/institute-application-forms/  
#id=11&cid=884&wid=301](https://www.psychology.org.nz/membership/institute-application-forms/#id=11&cid=884&wid=301)

## NZPsS Institute of Clinical Psychology Membership Categories

### Full Member

Criteria	Entitlements
(a) Financial Member of the NZPsS (b) A NZ Registered Psychologist in the Clinical Psychologist Scope and holds a current Annual Practising Certificate (c) Fulfils one of the specialist Clinical Membership Entry Criteria (I) Holder of NZ Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology or Professional Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (or MA Applied in Clinical Psychology; Victoria University only) (II) Holder of Recognised Overseas Equivalent to Postgraduate Diploma/Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (d) Can demonstrate two-years post registration full-time (or equivalent) supervised clinical practice in New Zealand to the satisfaction of the Institute committee.*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use MICP title</li> <li>• Voting rights</li> <li>• Reduced workshop fees</li> <li>• Eligible for research and project grants</li> </ul>

\* Typically this involves two-years full-time practice or equivalent achieved in the five years preceding application, although some discretion will be given to those individuals who take short breaks from practice; supervision with a supervisor acceptable to the ICP; and evidence such as supervision reports that practice is of at least satisfactory standard and consistent with safe practice.

### Associate Member

Criteria	Entitlements
(a) Financial Member of the NZPsS (b) A NZ Registered Psychologist in the Clinical Psychologist Scope and holds a current Annual Practising Certificate (c) Fulfils one of the specialist Clinical Membership Entry Criteria ‘ (I) Holder of NZ Postgraduate Diploma in Clinical Psychology or Professional Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (or MA Applied in Clinical Psychology; Victoria University only) (II) Holder of Recognised Overseas Equivalent to Postgraduate Diploma/Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (e) Does not yet meet criterion Rule 5.3 (i) (d) for Full Membership (i.e., cannot demonstrate two-years post registration full-time (or equivalent) supervised clinical practice in New Zealand to the satisfaction of the Institute committee).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reduced workshop fees</li> </ul>

### Student Member

Criteria	Entitlements
(a) Student subscriber/member of the NZPsS (b) Currently enrolled in a New Zealand clinical training programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Free membership</li><li>• Reduced workshop fees</li><li>• Eligible for student research grant</li><li>• Graduated progression to Associate and Full Membership</li></ul>

### Affiliate Member

Criteria	Entitlements
(a) Financial Member of the NZPsS (b) Has an interest in Institute business but does not meet the specialist membership criteria Rule 5.3 (i) (c) or (ii) (c) for Associate or Full Membership (i.e., is either a NZ Registered Psychologist in the Clinical Psychologist Scope who holds a current Annual Practising Certificate but does not meet the other specialist criteria (c) (I) or (II), or is a NZ Registered Psychologist in the General Scope who holds a current Annual Practising Certificate).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reduced workshop fees</li></ul>

### Fellow Member

Criteria	Entitlements
(a) Financial Member of the NZPsS (b) Demonstrated a distinguished contribution to clinical psychology.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Free membership</li><li>• Can use title Fellow Title (FMICP)</li><li>• Have voting rights</li><li>• Reduced workshop fees</li></ul>