

Expression of Interest for Qualifications Advisory Group (QAG)

Te Pou Whakamana Kaimatū o Aotearoa | Pharmacy Council of New Zealand is seeking expressions of interest from experienced professionals to join the **Qualifications Advisory Group (QAG)**.

As a regulator, Council is responsible for setting prescribed qualifications for the purposes of registration in scopes of practice, accrediting programmes provided by individual providers offering prescribed qualifications and ensuring appropriate registration pathways are in place for pharmacists entering scopes of practice.

The QAG supports Council in its core function of setting prescribed qualifications. Members contribute their expertise and judgement to assist Council in ensuring qualifications it has (or may) set as prescribed qualifications for registration are suitable, fit for purpose, and support safe, competent and culturally responsive pharmacy practice.

About the Qualification Advisory Group

The QAG is an advisory group that provides independent expert advice and recommendations to Council on qualification matters.

The Council is seeking to appoint **up to five members** to the group. The QAG will typically meet up to 2 to 4 times in a year, either online or in person, depending on the nature and volume of matters requiring consideration.

Members should also expect to undertake preparation work between meetings, including reviewing material in advance and supporting in confirming meeting notes or documented advice.

Role and Responsibilities

As a QAG member, you will:

- Provide independent expert advice and recommendations to Council on proposed new qualifications for the purposes of registration into scopes of practice.
- Consider the suitability, recognition, equivalence and ongoing review of pharmacy qualifications, including significant changes to prescribed qualifications and qualification recognition matters.
- Consider the alignment between qualification outcomes, competence requirements and registration pathways, including whether qualifications remain fit for purpose and support safe, competent and culturally responsive pharmacy practice.
- Draw on current and emerging developments in pharmacy practice, health education, and regulation when providing advice on qualification-related matters.

Skills and Experience Sought

We are interested in hearing from individuals who can contribute expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- Senior pharmacy academia, educational leadership, or significant experience in pharmacy or health education.
- Experience in qualification design, recognition, review, approval or quality assurance processes.
- Knowledge of curriculum development, graduate outcomes, entry-to-practice preparation and competency-based education.
- Experience in assessment, educational evaluation or quality assurance of professional qualifications.

- Understanding of professional regulation, competence frameworks, scopes of practice and registration pathways.
- Understanding of New Zealand and/or comparable international pharmacy education systems or qualification frameworks.
- Strong understanding of practice standards, including pharmacy law, ethics, professional standards, Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Hauora Māori, health equity and cultural safety.
- Ability to evaluate complex evidence and provide balanced, strategic advice.
- Demonstrated strategic and systems-level understanding of one or more aspects of pharmacy education, other health profession education, quality assurance of health profession education, and health profession regulation.

Applicants are not expected to demonstrate expertise across all areas. Council is seeking a balanced membership whose collective knowledge, experience and perspectives support the purpose and functions of the QAG.

Remuneration and engagement

QAG members are appointed to a standing advisory group and engaged for meetings and associated work as required.

Members are remunerated in accordance with Council policies and engagement arrangements.

To express your interest

If you are interested in contributing to Council's qualification, education and registration activities, you are invited to apply for the QAG.

Please submit:

- A **cover letter** outlining:
 - Your relevant skills and experience
 - How your skills and experience equip you to contribute effectively as a member of the Qualifications Advisory Group (QAG)
- A **current CV**
- Any supporting documents or certificates (optional).

Please email your application to Raj Kaur, Senior Advisor Competence Assurance, at r.kaur@pharmacycouncil.org.nz by **10 October 2026**.