

7 June 2022

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By email: § 9(2)(a)  
Ref: H202205567

Tēnā koe § 9(2)(a)

### Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your follow up request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) on 25 April 2022 for vacancy information under consideration by the Ministry of Health (the Ministry) or relevant Minister. You specifically requested:

*"I have made a request earlier this year, ref: H202115062*

*May I request an update information of my previous request, my original questions are*

*A list of vacancy (ministerial appointment only, e.g. board member, Lay member, Trustee etc) that the nomination period has been closed but still under consideration by the MoH or relevant Minister."*

Please refer to the attached Appendix 1 which includes the 2021 vacancies advertised that are now closed, but still under consideration by the Ministry. This appendix provides a list of vacancies advertised between 22 April 2022 and 23 May 2022. You can find information on recent appointments at: [www.health.govt.nz/new-zealand-health-system/key-healthsector-organisations-and-people/crown-entities-and-statutory-boards/board-appointments](http://www.health.govt.nz/new-zealand-health-system/key-healthsector-organisations-and-people/crown-entities-and-statutory-boards/board-appointments).

Please note:

- *Dietitians Board*: The vacancies were readvertised on 16 December 2021 to consolidate appointments for expired members and terms with upcoming term expires.
- *Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board*: The vacancies were readvertised on 16 December 2021 to consolidate appointments for expired members and terms with upcoming term expires.
- *Medical Council*: The vacancies were readvertised on 22 April 2022 to consolidate appointments for expired members and terms with upcoming term expires.
- *Occupational Therapy Board*: Currently finalising the two health practitioner appointments from 2021.
- *The Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal*: Two multiple rounds of vacancies were advertised as there was not a sufficient pool of applicants in the first round of advertisements to proceed with a round of appointments.
- Vacancies advertised for the *Health Practitioners Competency Assurance Act 2003 Responsible Authorities, the Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal, the Ethics Committee on Assisted Reproductive Technology, and the National Ethics Advisory Committee* closed on 23 May 2022, therefore the number of candidates is currently unavailable.

I trust this fulfils your request. Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: [info@ombudsman.parliament.nz](mailto:info@ombudsman.parliament.nz) or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: [www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases](http://www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases).

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S. Turner', is positioned above the typed name.

Sarah Turner  
**Deputy Director-General**  
**Office of the Director-General**

**List of vacancies advertised and still being considered on 9-Mar-21 to 9-Apr-21:**

- Occupational Therapy Board: 2 health practitioners (all vacancies) – 8 applications received
- Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board: 2 laypersons, 2 health practitioners (all term expiries) – 39 applications received
- Dietitians Board: 2 health practitioners (all vacancies) – 8 applications received

**List of vacancies advertised and still being considered on 16-Dec-2021 to 31-Jan-22:**

- Dietitians Board: 2 laypersons, 2 health practitioners (all term expiries) – 30 applicants
- Medical Radiation Technologists Board: 1 layperson, 2 health practitioners (all term expiries) – 14 applicants
- Medical Sciences Council: 2 layperson, 5 health practitioners (6 term expiries, 1 vacancy) – 20 applicants
- Physiotherapy Board: 1 layperson, 3 health practitioners (all term expiries) – 10 applicants
- Podiatrists Board: 1 health practitioner, 1 layperson (all term expiries) – 15 applicants
- Chiropractic Board: 2 health practitioners (all term expiries) – 14 applicants
- Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board: 2 laypersons, 3 health practitioners (all term expiries) – 31 applicants
- Dental Council: 2 health practitioners – specifically a dentist/dental specialist and a clinical dental technician (all term expiries)
- Medical Council: 1 layperson vacancy (term expiry) – 19 applicants
- Nursing Council: 3 health practitioners, 1 layperson (4 vacancies, 1 term expiry) – 26 applicants
- Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal: 1 layperson member, 5 Pharmacists, 1 Public Health Physician, 3 Paramedics, 2 Dentists, 2 Dental Technicians, 2 Dental Therapists, 1 Dietitian, 1 Medical Laboratory Scientist, 1 Medical Practitioner, 1 Occupational Therapist, 2 Optometrists/Dispensing Optician (vacancies)– 29 applicants
- Northern A HDEC: one non-layperson member with expertise in intervention studies (term expiry) – 7 applicants
- Northern B HDEC: one layperson position who can provide a community perspective on health and disability research, and one non-layperson member with expertise in the provision of health and disability services (both vacancies) – 20 applicants
- Southern HDEC: One layperson member who can provide a community perspective on health and disability research (vacancy) – 11 applicants

**Ethics Committee on Assisted reproductive technology vacancy advertised on 17 December 2021 – 31 January 2022:**

- One non-layperson member with expertise in assisted reproductive procedures, one layperson who can provide a community perspective (one vacancy and one term expiry) – 7 applicants

**Lists of vacancies advertised 18 March – 18 April 2022:**

- Advisory Committee on Assisted Reproductive Technology: one layperson member with expertise in Māori customary values and practise and the ability to articulate issues from a Māori perspective, one layperson member with general expertise, one layperson member with expertise in ethics (two term expiries and one vacancy) – 4 applicants
- Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal: 2 Ophthalmologists, 1 General Surgeon, 1 Medical Laboratory Technician, 1 Dispensing Optician, 3 Nurses, 2 Dental

Hygienists, 3 Midwives, 2 Psychologists, 5 Pharmacists, 2 Psychologists (vacancies)  
- 18 applicants

**List of vacancies advertised on 22-Apr-2022 to 23-May-22:**

- Occupational Therapy Board: 3 health practitioner vacancies (all term expiries)
- Osteopathic Council: 4 health practitioner, 1 layperson vacancies (4 vacancies, 1 term expiry)
- Paramedic Council: 2 health practitioner, 1 layperson vacancies (all term expiries)
- Pharmacy Council: 2 health practitioner, 1 layperson vacancies (all term expiries)
- Midwifery Council: 1 health practitioner, 1 layperson vacancies (1 vacancy, 1 term expiry)
- Medical Council: 4 health practitioner, 2 layperson vacancies. (1 vacancy, 5 term expiries)
- Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal: 1 Deputy Chair (upcoming term expiry)
- Ethics Committee on Assisted Reproductive Technology: two layperson members with expertise in Māori customary values and perspectives, one non-layperson member with expertise in human reproductive research, one non-layperson member with either expertise in mental health OR fertility treatment expertise (term expiries)
- National Ethics Advisory Committee: One layperson member with the ability to speak to issues or experience of disabled persons, one non-layperson with expertise in health research (term expiries)

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