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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to Manatū Hauora (the Ministry of Health) on 5 November 2022 for information regarding vacancies on health sector ministerially appointed boards or committees. You asked for:

*“...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. In your list, can you please include the date that vacancy been advertised and when the vacancy been closed as well. Also, if any are still under consideration, please kindly provide how many applications you have received for these positions.”*

Manatū Hauora supports responsible ministers and the Governor-General to make appointments to over 500 statutory health roles. We also undertake a tailored approach for each recruitment depending on each role’s varying nature and requirements. Our general appointments process incorporates best practice guidance where possible and includes the following steps:

- identifying vacancies, followed by advertising and/or seeking nominations
- assessment of candidates and preparation of advice for ministers
- consideration and selection of candidates by the appointing Minister
- completion of due diligence checks
- consideration and noting of selected candidates by the Cabinet Appointments and Honours Committee (APH)
- appointment by letter from the appointing Minister with public notification by *New Zealand Gazette* notice or a notice to the House.

The table on the following page lists the vacancies advertised from 21 November 2021 (the date of your previous request) to 10 October 2022 that are still active.

You can find information on recent appointments at: www.health.govt.nz/new-zealand-health-system/key-health-sector-organisations-and-people/crown-entities-and-statutory-boards/board-appointments.

I trust this information 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 or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Manatū Hauora website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests.

Nāku noa, nā

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

Sarah Turner
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Table 1: Vacancies advertised from 21 November 2021 to 10 October 2022 that are still under Manatū Hauora/ministerial consideration.

| Board | Advertisement / nomination date | Close date | Total applicants | Roles advertised and/or nominations sought for |
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| Dental Council | 16-Dec-21 | 31-Jan-22 | 16 | Two health practitioner positions (one term expiry and one vacancy) specifically for a dentist/dental specialist and a clinical dental technician, were readvertised |
| Podiatrists Board | 16-Dec-21 | 31-Jan-22 | 15 | Two health practitioner positions (two term expiries) |
| *Health and Disability Ethics Committees | 17-Dec-21 | 31-Jan-22 | 23 | Two layperson with community perspective positions, one non-layperson with expertise in intervention studies position, and one non-layperson with expertise in the provision of health and disability services position (term expiries) |
| | 27-Jun-22 | 12-Jul-22 | 12 | Three non-layperson with expertise in intervention studies positions, and one layperson member with expertise in law position (four term expiries) |
| *Health Practitioners Disciplinary Tribunal (HPDT) | 20-Dec-21 | 31-Jan-22 | 29 | Three layperson positions (one term expiry and two vacancies) One public health physician position (one vacancy) Paramedic positions (unspecified number of new positions) Two dentist positions (two term expiries) Three dental technician positions (three term expiries) – recently readvertised One dental therapist position (term expiry) – recently readvertised Two dietitian positions (term expiries) One medical laboratory scientist position (term expiry) One medical practitioner position (term expiry) One occupational therapist position (term expiry) Three optometrist positions (one term expiry and two vacancies) – recently readvertised Four dispensing optician positions (three term expiries and one vacancy) – recently readvertised Note: the number of roles for each profession was not specified in the advertisement. |
| | 4-Mar-22 | 19-Mar-22 | 20 | Two ophthalmologist positions (two term expiries) General surgeon positions (unspecified number of new positions) One medical laboratory technician position (term expiry) – recently |

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| | | | | <p>readvertised</p> <p>Two dispensing optician positions (term expiries) – recently readvertised</p> <p>Three nurse positions (three term expiries)</p> <p>Three dental technician positions (three term expiries) – recently readvertised</p> <p>Four midwife positions (term expiries)</p> <p>Two psychologist positions (term expiries)</p> <p>Note: the number of roles for each profession was not specified in the advertisement.</p> |
| *Advisory Committee on Assisted Reproductive Technology | 4-Mar-22 | 18-Mar-22 | <5 | One layperson with expertise in Māori customary values position, one layperson with general expertise position, and one layperson with expertise in ethics position (two vacancies and one term expiry) |
| | 27-Jun-22 | 12-Jul-22 | 6 | One layperson with expertise in Māori customary values position and one layperson with expertise in ethics position (one vacancy and one term expiry) |
| Midwifery Council | 22-Apr-22 | 23-May-22 | 13 | <p>Advertising and nominations sought for four health practitioner and one layperson positions.</p> <p>Three of the advertised roles have been appointed to, however there is one position (term expiry) still under consideration</p> |
| Occupational Therapy Board | 22-Apr-22 | 23-May-22 | 7 | Three health practitioner positions (two term expiries and one vacancy) were readvertised |
| Pharmacy Council | 22-Apr-22 | 23-May-22 | 10 | Two health practitioner and one layperson positions (three term expiries) |
| Psychotherapists Board | 1-Jun-22 | 22-Jun-22 | 8 | Two health practitioner and two laypeople positions (four term expiries) |
| Health Research Council | 23-Jun-22 | 13-Jul-22 | 28 | Nominations sought for three researcher and two non-researcher positions (5 term expiries) |
| Pharmac | 21-Jul-22 | 29-Jul-22 | <5 | Nominations sought for one member position (one vacancy) |
| Mental Health and Wellbeing Commission | 4-Aug-22 | 17-Aug-22 | 23 | Nominations sought for four member positions (four term expiries) |
| Health Quality and Safety Commission | 5-Aug-22 | 17-Aug-22 | 23 | Nominations sought for four member positions (four term expiries) |

*Boards/Committees where roles have been readvertised.