

Who is an Allied Health Professional?

AHPAF has developed and adopted the following definition:

The NZ professional health and disability workforce consists largely of three major groups: the medical professions, the nursing professions and the allied health professions.

The allied health professions have a distinct, specialised body of knowledge and skills and actively work with people accessing health and disability services across a range of settings.

Allied health professionals are appropriately qualified as defined in s12 (2)(a-e) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, have a professional association, an appropriate code of ethics and standards of practice, and a recognized system for monitoring ongoing competence.

In their practice, allied health professionals provide services and engage in activities which include:

- ◇ prevention
- ◇ assessment / evaluation
- ◇ identification / diagnosis
- ◇ treatment
- ◇ rehabilitation / habilitation
- ◇ advocacy
- ◇ promotion of health and wellbeing
- ◇ education
- ◇ research

AHPAF Members

As at May 2004, the following associations are members:

Aotearoa/NZ Association of Social Workers
NZ Association of Counsellors
NZ Association of Occupational Therapists
NZ Association of Optometrists
NZ Association of Psychotherapists (Te Roopu Whakaora Hinengaro)
NZ Audiological Society
NZ Dental Therapists Association
NZ Dietetic Association
NZ Institute of Medical Radiation Technology
NZ Psychological Society
NZ Society of Physiotherapists
NZ Society of Podiatrists
NZ Speech-Language Therapists Association
NZ Public Service Association (Associate member)



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**Working together to
promote and support
Allied Health
Professionals**

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What is the Allied Health Professional Associations' Forum (AHPAF)?

AHPAF provides a forum for representatives of Allied Health Professional Associations to work together to:

- ◇ promote the value of allied health professional services
- ◇ make representations and submissions on issues of common interest to allied health professions
- ◇ develop effective working relationships with government and other key stakeholders
- ◇ take an active approach and be involved in development, implementation and monitoring of relevant health policies.

Vision

The Allied Health Professional Associations Forum is the recognised connected voice of Allied Health professionals advancing their common interests.

Allied Health professional groups are comparatively small in number compared to other health professionals.

Joining together increases our numbers significantly and gives us a strong voice on common interests and issues.

Each member association also benefits from the knowledge and skills shared within AHPAF.

Together we can advance the common interests of Allied Health professionals and make a difference!

Membership Categories

Full Membership

Allied Health Professional Associations whose members are required to:

- ◇ have a relevant tertiary (or equivalent) qualification
- ◇ have a recognized system for monitoring ongoing competence
- ◇ abide by professional standards of practice
- ◇ abide by a professional code of ethics

Associate Membership

Associations which:

- ◇ represent the interests of one or more of the allied health professions represented in AHPAF
- ◇ have registration in accordance with Part 4 S.14 of the Employment Relations Act 2000