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## Information for Students and Training Providers

Kia ora,

It seems we have a 'new normal' with Covid once again coming to our shores. The membership team have updated the response given last year regarding practicum hours, and what is needed to proceed into provisional membership.

### Supervision

Supervisors and students should continue via technology, as prescribed by the training provider, until face to face meetings are allowed to occur. We strongly recommend that supervisors -

- Engage with students via video link and use phone as a last resort.
- Are positive and proactive about using technology; if not, we suggest a new supervisor is engaged for this period. Our concern is a reluctant supervisor will not provide the support needed with the uncertainty that may be present for students.

### Counselling

We assume training providers are now preparing students to work and maintain professional boundaries and presence in the online space in the areas of; assessment, client safety, contracting, referrals, ethics, and secure technology.

**We are committed to assisting students to attain provisional membership; therefore, we have agreed as an association that:**

- Any student whose practicum hours have been affected by the Covid situation can apply for provisional membership **from upwards of 150 practicum hours**.
- We will **accept 50%** of the total practicum hours to be via e-counselling.
- To ensure equity and maintain standards, **250 hours** will then be required post-graduation to apply for full membership.

***Note: Please contact the office if you have questions not covered in this document [info@nzcca.org.nz](mailto:info@nzcca.org.nz).***