



# Associate Membership FAQ

## New Zealand College of Public Health Medicine

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### What is the New Zealand College of Public Health Medicine?

The New Zealand College of Public Health Medicine (NZCPHM) was established as an incorporated society in 2008 to represent the medical specialty of public health medicine in New Zealand. Its establishment ensured that public health needs unique to New Zealand were represented and acknowledged within the New Zealand context.

### What does the NZCPHM do?

The NZCPHM has three main functions:

1. It administers a continuing professional development programme for recertification of Public Health Physicians in New Zealand.
2. It provides the only certified training programme for the post-graduate medical speciality of public health medicine in New Zealand.
3. It develops policy and advocates for important public health issues on behalf of NZCPHM members and the New Zealand public.

The College also acts as a Vocational Education and Advisory Body for the Medical Council of New Zealand and is a member of the Council of Medical Colleges.

### Who is eligible for Associate Membership?

Public health is a specialty of medicine that many doctors contribute to by the nature of their work. The NZCPHM offers Associate Membership to qualified medical practitioners registered in a scope of practice other than public health who have experience in, and a commitment to, Public Health Medicine.

### What are the benefits of Membership?

College membership offers the opportunity to be part of a professional organisation that reflects the values that probably underpin your interest and commitment to public health medicine. The College provides a world class training programme which allows people of like minds to be brought into the 'whānau': the beginning of a journey that will hopefully last a lifetime. It provides an environment where colleagues contribute to each other's development, encourages the exploration of ideas, provides opportunities for continuing professional development and honours those who continue to contribute but who no longer have active careers in public health.

As a member of the New Zealand College of Public Health Medicine you will benefit from:

- the opportunity to contribute to College policy, submissions and discussion around Public Health issues
- the opportunity to attend the College Annual Scientific Meeting at which health sector leaders and inspirational speakers discuss topical issues with College members

- the opportunity to network with like-minded public health experts and colleagues
- notice of continuing professional development opportunities relating to public health
- access to online resources including presentations and discussion papers by Fellows
- the use of post-nominal letters AMNZCPHM (Associate Member)
- eligibility to participate and vote at the AGM

### What would the College expect from me?

As a member of the College, we would expect you to have some or all of the following:

- A willingness to uphold the College's core set of values demonstrated by:
  - Behaving honestly and ethically
  - Advocating to improve public health and reduce health inequalities in Aotearoa New Zealand
  - Acting swiftly on important public health threats
  - Undertaking training and continuing professional development to ensure the safety and effectiveness of their practice
  - Improving their cultural competence, developing cross-cultural partnerships and acting to address cultural bias whenever they find it
  - Working in partnership with Māori
  - Empowering communities to act on public health issues that affect them
  - Supporting colleagues and multidisciplinary teams personally and professionally
  - Seeking to use evidence as the basis of their practice
  - Seeking sustainable processes and outcomes.
  - Promoting excellence in health and health services planning and management
  - Working with vulnerable communities
  - Recognising New Zealand's status as a Pacific Nation
- A willingness to support colleagues starting on the journey
- A desire to share work that will help inform the work of colleagues and others in public health
- A desire to make a personal contribution to the College through supervising, mentoring or sharing
- A desire to honour the role of the Treaty of Waitangi in your work
- A commitment to the prevention of ill health and reduction of inequalities on a population level

### How do I become an Associate Member?

To become an associate member, email the NZCPHM office ([education@nzcphm.org.nz](mailto:education@nzcphm.org.nz)) and you will be sent an Associate Member Application form. You should then send the completed form either electronically or by post along with:

- 1) A **statement** outlining the reasons why you would like to become an Associate Member
- 2) A brief **Curriculum Vitae** listing work experience and qualifications, particularly in relation to public health.
- 3) A completed **nomination form** with the dated signatures of two Fellows of the New Zealand College of Public Health Medicine (FNZCPHM).

You would also need to arrange for a **Certificate of Good Standing** to be submitted directly to the College from the Medical Council of New Zealand and/or any other regulatory authority that you have been registered with within the last 5 years.

Your application will not be processed until all required documentation is received and payment made.

### **Will it cost me anything?**

There is a one-off fee for your application to be processed and an annual membership fee will apply; the most up-to-date fees can be found on the College website.

Membership fees go towards: College administration; the governance of all College programmes, activities and functions; information systems and on-going maintenance; the NZCPHM Annual Scientific Meeting; communications including monthly newsletters and media releases; the co-ordination and delivery of a MCNZ accredited vocational training programme; administration of John McLeod Fund; and TOPS administration.

### **For more information, contact the College office:**

Email: [education@nzcphm.org.nz](mailto:education@nzcphm.org.nz)

Phone: 04 472 9183

Or go to the College website: [www.nzcphm.org.nz](http://www.nzcphm.org.nz)