



## Health Practitioners (Protected Quality Assurance Activity—Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists Trainee Portfolio System—Cases and Procedures) Notice 2019

Pursuant to section 54(3) of the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003, the Minister of Health, being satisfied of the matters set out in that subsection, gives the following notice.

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### Notice

#### 1 Title

This notice is the Health Practitioners (Protected Quality Assurance Activity—Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists Trainee Portfolio System—Cases and Procedures) Notice 2019.

#### 2 Commencement

This notice comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*.

#### 3 Interpretation

In this notice,—

**ANZCA** means the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists

**specified health practitioner** means a trainee who is participating in the ANZCA training program.

#### **4 Declaration of protected quality assurance activity**

The following quality assurance activities are protected to the extent that they are undertaken by the ANZCA Education Executive Management Committee in relation to specified health practitioners:

- (a) collecting and logging information from specified health practitioners' clinical experience; and
- (b) sharing that information with the ANZCA Education Executive Management Committee for the purpose of allowing that committee to oversee the activity; and
- (c) identifying clinical areas where specified health practitioners require further training and development; and
- (d) monitoring and assessing specified health practitioners; and
- (e) making recommendations on how to improve—
  - (i) the activity; and
  - (ii) the overall quality and safety of anaesthesia and pain medicine for patients.

#### **5 Revocation**

The Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—ANZCA Trainee Portfolio System—Cases and Procedures) Notice 2013 (SR 2013/375) is revoked.

Dated at Wellington this 25th day of July 2019.

Hon Dr David Parker,  
Minister of Health.

### **Explanatory note**

*This note is not part of the notice, but is intended to indicate its general effect.*

This notice comes into force on the day after the date of its notification in the *Gazette*. It declares the quality assurance activities described in *clause 4* to be protected. Quality assurance activities are activities that are undertaken to improve the practices or competence of health practitioners by assessing the health services performed by those practitioners. The effect of protecting a quality assurance activity is that—

- any information that becomes known solely as a result of the activity is confidential; and
- any documents brought into existence solely for the purposes of the activity are confidential; and

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- the persons who engage in the activity in good faith are immune from civil liability.

The protections afforded by this notice are subject to certain statutory exceptions. For example, this notice does not prohibit the disclosure of information that does not identify, either expressly or by implication, a particular individual.

This notice revokes the Health Practitioners (Quality Assurance Activity—ANZCA Trainee Portfolio System—Cases and Procedures) Notice 2013 (SR 2013/375).

This notice remains in force for 5 years unless sooner revoked.

Issued under the authority of the Legislation Act 2012.

Date of notification in *Gazette*: 8 August 2019.

This notice is administered by the Ministry of Health.