



Veterans' Support (Treatment Providers) Amendment Regulations 2025

Rt Hon Dame Helen Winkelmann, Administrator of the Government

Order in Council

At Wellington this 4th day of August 2025

Present:

Her Excellency the Administrator of the Government in Council

These regulations are made under section 265 of the Veterans' Support Act 2014 on the advice and with the consent of the Executive Council.

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Regulations

1 Title

These regulations are the Veterans' Support (Treatment Providers) Amendment Regulations 2025.

2 Commencement

These regulations come into force on 4 September 2025.

3 Principal regulations

These regulations amend the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014.

4 Regulation 5 replaced (Acupuncturists)

Replace regulation 5 with:

5 Acupuncturists

A person who is an acupuncturist is a treatment provider if the person—

- (a) is registered as a practitioner of acupuncture with the Chinese Medicine Council of New Zealand, established by the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance (Designation of Chinese Medicine Services as Health Profession) Order 2021; and
- (b) holds a current practising certificate.

5 Regulation 6 amended (Audiologists)

- (1) In regulation 6(a), after “is a”, insert “full audiologist”.
- (2) After regulation 6(a), insert:
 - (aa) holds a current practising certificate; and
- (3) In regulation 6(b)(i), delete “his or her”.

6 New regulations 6A and 6B inserted

After regulation 6, insert:

6A Audiometrists

A person who is an audiometrist is a treatment provider if the person—

- (a) is a full audiometrist member of the New Zealand Audiological Society Incorporated; and
- (b) holds a current practising certificate; and
- (c) when acting as an audiometrist, is not acting—
 - (i) in the course of employment by a supplier of hearing aids; or
 - (ii) as a supplier of hearing aids.

6B Chinese medicine practitioners

A person who is a Chinese medicine practitioner is a treatment provider if the person—

- (a) is registered as a practitioner of Chinese medicine services with the Chinese Medicine Council of New Zealand, established by the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance (Designation of Chinese Medicine Services as Health Profession) Order 2021; and
- (b) holds a current practising certificate.

7 New regulation 7A inserted (Paramedics)

After regulation 7, insert:

7A Paramedics

A person who is a paramedic is a treatment provider if the person—

- (a) is registered as a paramedic with the Paramedic Council, established by the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance (Designation of Paramedic Services as Health Profession) Order 2019; and
- (b) holds a current practising certificate.

Rachel Hayward,
Clerk of the Executive Council.

Explanatory note

This note is not part of the regulations but is intended to indicate their general effect.

These regulations, which come into force on 4 September 2025, amend the Veterans' Support Regulations 2014 (the **principal regulations**).

Regulations 4 and 5 of these regulations amend the specified criteria in the principal regulations for a person who is an acupuncturist or a person who is an audiologist to be a treatment provider under the Veterans' Support Act 2014 (the **Act**).

Regulations 6 and 7 of these regulations add new categories of persons to be treatment providers and the specified criteria for those persons to be treatment providers under the Act, as follows:

- *new regulation 6A* provides specified criteria for a person who is an audiometrist. The person must be a full audiometrist member of the New Zealand Audiological Society Incorporated and hold a current practising certificate. When acting as an audiologist, the person must not be acting in the course of employment by a supplier of hearing aids or as a supplier of hearing aids:
- *new regulation 6B* provides specified criteria for a person who is a Chinese medicine practitioner. The person must be registered as a practitioner of Chi-

nese medicine services with the Chinese Medicine Council of New Zealand, established by the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance (Designation of Chinese Medicine Services as Health Profession) Order 2021, and hold a current practising certificate:

- *new regulation 7A* provides specified criteria for a person who is a paramedic. The person must be registered as a paramedic with the Paramedic Council, established by the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance (Designation of Paramedic Services as Health Profession) Order 2019, and hold a current practising certificate.

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