

## Preamble

At all times healers registered with Spiritualism New Zealand will treat those who come under their care with respect, honesty, integrity, impartiality and confidentiality. Healers will maintain professional relationships with their clients that are of the highest ethical and moral order, and are non-exploitative physically, emotionally, sexually, psychologically or financially.

## Purpose

This policy covers new and experienced spiritual healers who wish to gain registration status with Spiritualism New Zealand, either in their own right as an Individual Member or as a member of an organisation which belongs to Spiritualism New Zealand.

Spiritual healers registered with Spiritualism New Zealand must agree to abide by the [Code of Ethics for Spiritual Healers](#) and display the Code of Ethics whenever they are offering spiritual healing.

### 1. Registration requirements

- 1.1. To become a Registered Spiritual Healer with Spiritualism New Zealand, an applicant must:
  - a. be an Individual Member in their own right or belong to an Organisation Member
  - b. at least 18 years of age
  - c. have a 'clear' Police check, and
  - d. successfully complete the full training programme (new spiritual healers), or a fast-track programme (for people who already have spiritual healing training and at least two years' experience as a spiritual healer).

### 2. Police checks

- 2.1. Among other matters, Spiritualism New Zealand seeks to protect the safety of the public and uphold the reputation of those representing Spiritualism New Zealand as spiritual healers. Spiritualism New Zealand does not recognise Police Checks undertaken by other organisations for other purposes.

- 2.2. A 'clear' Police check is one containing no convictions **or** where the Registrar is satisfied that the information will not interfere with an individual's ability to hold or to act in the relevant position or perform any relevant functions.
- 2.3. If a Police check comes back with a conviction, approval for the healer's registration to proceed is at the discretion of the Registrar and a nominated office holder. If there is a difference of opinion, the President of Spiritualism New Zealand has the final decision.
- 2.4. The criteria for approving a Police check with a conviction is based on but not limited to:
  - a. the length of time since the offence was committed
  - b. the current age and level of maturity compared to when the crime was committed
  - c. the seriousness of the crime (length of sentence, use of violence/ weapons, circumstances of the crime)
  - d. pattern of previous criminal behaviour/convictions
  - e. the nature of the position relative to the nature of the offence/conviction.
- 2.5. It is the responsibility of Spiritualism New Zealand to ensure that the requirement to get a new (renewed) police check is fulfilled.
- 2.6. The results of a Police check are processed and destroyed six (6) weeks after processing.
3. **Registration process**
  - 3.1. The applicant:
    - a. completes a Provisional Spiritual Healer Application Form via [www.spiritualism.org.nz](http://www.spiritualism.org.nz), and
    - b. pays the application fee (non-refundable), and
    - c. completes the NZ Police vetting forms for Spiritualism New Zealand to process.
  - 3.2. The Board of Spiritualism New Zealand, or its delegated representatives:
    - a. considers the results of the Police check

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- b. considers the Provisional Spiritual Healer Application and availability of a spiritual healing trainer
  - c. confirms the applicant's acceptance (or otherwise) as a Provisional Spiritual Healer (trainee) or Registered Spiritual Healer
  - d. upon the applicant's payment of their annual Practising Fee, arranges Public Liability Insurance for the healer covering spiritual healing.
- 3.3. The Provisional Spiritual Healer undertakes the appropriate training programme and compiles the supporting documentation needed for the Registered Spiritual Healer application. This programme must be completed within three years of acceptance as a Provisional Spiritual Healer. On successful completion, the healer:
- a. applies to become a fully registered spiritual healer using the Registered Spiritual Healer Application Form via [www.spiritualism.org.nz](http://www.spiritualism.org.nz), and
  - b. pays the application fee (non-refundable).
- 3.4. The Board of Spiritualism New Zealand, or its delegated representatives, considers the Registered Spiritual Healer Application and confirms the applicant's acceptance (or otherwise) as a Registered Spiritual Healer.
- 4. Maintenance of registration status**
- 4.1. To maintain registration status as either a Provisional or Registered Spiritual Healer, spiritual healers must:
- a. complete the NZ Police vetting process every five years or earlier if requested by the Board
  - b. pay a yearly practising fee
  - c. abide by the Code of Ethics for Spiritual Healers, and
  - d. meet the Continued Professional Development requirements.
- 4.2. Healers will be de-registered if any of the following apply:
- a. they do not pay their annual practising fee within 30 days of the due date, and/or
  - b. the Board deems that they are not abiding with the Code of Ethics for Spiritual Healers

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- c. a complaint is brought before the Board and, after going through the Complaints Procedure, the Board deems that the complaint is upheld
- d. they do not meet the Continued Professional Development requirements without receiving an extension or exemption
- e. they do not receive a clear Police check or do not comply with the requirement to obtain or renew a Police check through Spiritualism New Zealand.