

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Supervision policy

What has changed?

All Aotearoa New Zealand graduates are required to complete the recertification programme which includes (the following changes generally relate to):

A standard supervision requirement for those new to or returning to practice in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Removal of the trainee anaesthetic technician supervision requirements, as this pathway for entry to the Register no longer exists.

- A requirement for a minimum number of supervision hours.
- A change in the way the supervision requirement is applied.
- Inclusion of information about potential outcomes if the supervision requirements are not met.

For a full list of requirements please see the New Graduate Recertification (Supervision) policy.

What does this mean for me?

The changes only affect new graduates and those who provide supervision.

There is no change for practitioners with a current requirement for supervision as a condition on their practice.

What is the difference between supervision and recertification?

Recertification is the mechanism in the Health Practitioners Assurance Act 2003 that the Council uses to require supervision of new graduate anaesthetic technicians. This is applicable to registrants who are entering practice after completion of a New Zealand programme of education.

Who does the recertification programme apply to?

This recertification programme requirement applies to all new graduate anaesthetic technology practitioners. This means Aotearoa New Zealand graduates registering for the first time.

Practitioners with a current requirement for supervision as a condition on their practice must continue with their supervision requirements in the [2025 AT supervision as a condition policy](#).

What are supervision requirements?

Supervision is a formal process of professional support and teaching to enable the practitioner to build on their knowledge, skills, and professional attributes, and to progressively assume responsibility for their own practice. The requirements for each class of practitioner are listed in their respective policy.

Who will provide the supervision?

The supervisor must be a New Zealand registered anaesthetic technician with a current practising certificate, in good standing, and have no conditions on their own scope of practice. Supervisors cannot take part in the New Graduate recertification programme. Supervisors must have sufficient experience of practice in Aotearoa New Zealand to be able to act in the role of supervisor. Education and resources to support the provision of supervision is provided.