

# The Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand

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New Zealand Transactional Analysis Association  
Ms Amanda Lacy  
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Dear Ms Lacy,

## **RE: Students studying a psychotherapy qualification grandparented by Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand**

You will be aware that the Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand (the Board) has approved your psychotherapy qualification: Certified Transactional Analyst (clinical or psychotherapy) for grandparenting during the initial stages of psychotherapist registration.

The Board will be addressing the accreditation of psychotherapy programmes next year at which time we will be in touch with you to review this qualification in line with our accreditation policy. Please note the Board's accreditation policy has yet to be created. The Board will be consulting with psychotherapy training providers when it is ready to start the accreditation process.

The Board also acknowledges that students in general are currently uncertain about what psychotherapy courses they should sign up for and whether the psychotherapy course they choose will be accredited by the Board. To alleviate this concern the Board passed a motion stating that students who enroll in a grandparented programme before the end of March 2010 will have their qualification recognised for registration.

The Board would like to ask the grandparented psychotherapy training providers to pass this information on to their students and those inquiring psychotherapy training.

**Motion:** Students who enroll in a qualification approved by the Board for grandparenting before the end of March 2010 will have that qualification recognised for registration provided they complete it within the time limit approved by the training institute.

In the spirit of communication the Board would like to start creating a working relationship with you as a psychotherapy training provider. The Board believes that clear communication and a good working relationship between training institutions and the Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand will be beneficial to all.

The Board hopes that in the future psychotherapy training institutions will be able to provide the Board with a list of students graduating as this will assist the Board with making the registration process easier for newly qualified psychotherapists.

In line with that the Board would ask New Zealand Transactional Analysis Association to consider sending communications to students on behalf of the Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand. Once practitioners are registered Psychotherapists Board of

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Aotearoa New Zealand will have their full contact details, yet prior to registration the Board would like to be able to keep in contact with students so that they are aware of Board processes, expectations and can be kept up to date on progress.

If you could respond to this letter at your earliest convenience it would be most appreciated. I have listed below the points the Board is most interested in for ease of reference.

1. Confirmation that you are happy to advise your current students as well as those interest in psychotherapy training about the motion protecting a grandparented course prior to accreditation provided students are enrolled prior the end of March 2010.
2. Whether you would be open to allowing the Board to communicate through you?
3. Whether you are open to having a close working relationship with Psychotherapists Board of Aotearoa New Zealand to communicate and advise your Psychotherapy students?

I thank you in advance for taking the time to consider this information and respond.

If you have any questions I can be contact on 04 918 4727

Kind regards



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