

# REPORT TO NZAP COUNCIL, APRIL 2023

## Regulation practices by other professions

### Social work:

Social work is registered under the Social Workers Registration Act 2003. Until 27 February 2021 registration was voluntary, but since then changes to the Act demand that all people practising as social workers must be registered with the Social Workers Registration Board (SWRB), under one or more scopes of practice. SWRB provides practising certificates. SWRB convenes the Social Work Alliance, which comprises The New Zealand Association of Social Workers and eight other organisational groups, including DHB representatives, to ensure registration.

The New Zealand Association of Social Workers (NZASW) used to have both registered and unregistered members. Now they have four membership categories:

Full member:	Must have a practising certificate issued by SWRB \$330.71
Non-practising members:	Members who do not have a practising certificate \$162.40
Student members:	Enrolled in a recognised social work training \$30.45
Retired members:	Over 65 and no longer practising \$50.75

NZASW does not issue practising certificates, but they provide professional development and an indemnity insurance scheme.

SWRB Protects the public, issues practising certificates.

NZASW protects the social worker.

### Nursing

Nurses are registered under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003. Registration is mandatory for anyone practising nursing. The Nursing Council, a regulating authority under the Act, issues practising certificate upon a declaration similar to ours. The Nursing Council (NZNC) registers nurses under scopes of practice.

The New Zealand Nurses Organisation (NZNO) and The Nurses Society are membership organisations that act like unions, but you have to be registered to be a member.

The Nurses Society have an indemnity insurance scheme.

Within NZNO there are different colleges who may do different things for their membership group. The various groups provide PD.

Neither NZNO nor the Nurses Society issue practising certificates.

NZNO have four categories of membership:

Nurse practitioners	\$587.76
Enrolled nurses	\$469.44

Caregivers, support workers	\$350.64 (reduced fee category \$273.12)
Low income earners	\$218.40 (less than \$19,000 pa)
First year student	Free membership
Student	\$48.38
Student Vaccinator	\$122.76
Retired	\$95.08