

Information sheet

Midwives returning to practice after a break in practice of more than three years

The Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act (2003) s27 requires the Midwifery Council, among other things, to restrict the issue of an annual practising certificate if there are reasonable grounds to believe that the applicant has not lawfully practised midwifery within the three years immediately preceding the date of the application.

Midwives wishing to return to practice are required to complete the following

1. Identify to which category they belong
2. Apply for an interim practising certificate and provide a detailed plan for the education components and clinical practice(if required)
3. Undertake the required courses and practice
4. Provide evidence of completion of all required component to the Midwifery Council. Once complete, midwives can apply for an APC.

Category A

Midwives who practised midwifery, take a break from practice for between three and five years, and who now wish to return to midwifery practice.

Category B

Midwives who practised midwifery take a break from practice for between five and eight years and who now wish to return to midwifery practice.

Category C

Midwives who have been out of practice for more than eight full years and who now wish to return to midwifery practice.

Applying for an IPC

To apply for an IPC contact the deputy registrar at the Midwifery Council 04-4995040 or email info@midwiferycouncil.health.nz

Courses

The required courses are outlined in the Return to Practice policy which is available at www.midwiferycouncil.health.nz/publications . When applying to return to practice, midwives must provide a detailed plan that describes when they will complete the courses and who the providers will be and if required, when and where they will complete the required clinical practice components. This must be received by the secretariat before an IPC will be issued.

Competence Assessment

A separate matrix is provided. This is to be completed as required.