

9 March 2012

Dear Midwife

Health Workforce New Zealand (Ministry of Health) Grants for Midwifery Postgraduate Education

Health Workforce New Zealand (HWNZ), a business unit of the Ministry of Health, is pleased to inform you that grants are now available for midwifery postgraduate education (additional to the complex care clinical training). The main purpose of the grants funding is to subsidise the cost of the student fees.

The New Zealand College of Midwives (NZCOM) will be managing the application and selection processes on behalf of HWNZ.

Applications for grants for midwifery academic education undertaken in Semester One 2012 (the period 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012) are now being invited. NZCOM is currently unable to disburse funding for Semester Two papers at this time. We will be seeking applications for post graduate grants from midwives enrolling in Semester Two papers around May 2012.

If you are planning to enrol, you will need to contact the education provider to find out about enrolment dates, entry criteria and the cost of student fees, as soon as possible. If you are an employed midwife and are intending to apply for post graduate funding you need to notify your employer of your intention to undertake post graduate study as soon as possible.

Further information, including applicant eligibility and the application forms will shortly be posted on both the HWNZ and NZCOMs' web pages - <http://www.moh.govt.nz/moh.nsf/indexmh/cta-midwifery> and www.midwife.org.nz

Application and funding disbursement timeline

As some midwives will be commencing study part way through the first Semester (in particular those who are enrolling in papers which are commencing in May, or enrolling in Masters of PhD programmes which may commence at varying times during the year), there are two funding disbursements for successful first Semester applications. The first Semester One disbursement has been completed. Please see the table below for timeframes regarding the subsequent Semester One disbursement.

Date	Subsequent Semester 1 Funding Application Round
20 th April 2012	Subsequent Application Round for Semester One grants closes
31 st April 2012	NZCOM provides data for all complete applications to Health Workforce New Zealand (HWNZ)
20 th May 2012	HWNZ payment disbursed to NZCOM
27 th May 2012	NZCOM notifies midwives of grant application outcome and disburses grants successful applicants

In order to have your application considered for the first Semester 1 funding round, please forward your completed application form, with the required accompanying documentation to NZCOM by the 20th of April 2012

The education providers offering midwifery postgraduate papers are:

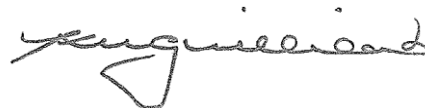
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If you have any questions about your eligibility to apply or the application process please email NZCOM at nzcom@nzcom.org.nz or phone (03) 377 2732.

Yours sincerely



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