

## INFORMATION SHEET

### Information for applicants for Health Workforce New Zealand (Ministry of Health) Midwifery Postgraduate Education Grants Semester One: 2012

Health Workforce New Zealand (HWNZ), a business unit of the Ministry of Health, reminds midwives that grants are now available for postgraduate education for midwives who are planning to study in the first Semester 2012. The main purpose of the grants funding is to subsidise the cost of the student fees. These grants are additional to the Complex Care clinical training.

The New Zealand College of Midwives (NZCOM) manages the communication, application and selection processes on behalf of HWNZ.

Grant applications for midwifery post graduate education undertaken in the period 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012 are now invited. The post graduate education that will be funded in this application round can consist of midwifery postgraduate papers or Masters or PhD study which is at least at **level 8** as per the New Zealand Qualifications Authority framework. Please see below for additional eligibility criteria.

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. This is in order to ensure that your employer is aware of your intentions. This will assist you to negotiate appropriate support from your employer to complete study requirements. (e.g annual leave or professional development leave in order to attend study blocks etc).

Please note that there are 2 separate Application forms depending on which type of post graduate study midwives are undertaking. Please complete the Application form which is relevant for you.

- **Application 1:** For midwives who are studying post graduate papers towards a Post Graduate Certificate or Post Graduate Diploma qualification
- **Application 2:** For midwives who have already completed study to Post Graduate Diploma level and are now undertaking Masters Thesis or PhD study.

### Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to apply for a grant you must:

- Hold a current Annual Practising Certificate with the Midwifery Council of New Zealand with no restrictions which would negatively impact on engaging in post graduate study

- Be currently working as either an employed midwife or as a Lead Maternity Carer midwife working under Section 88 (for further clarification see application form)
- Be a New Zealand citizen or hold a New Zealand residency permit as conferred by the New Zealand Immigration service.
- Be planning to undertake the post graduate education in the period 1 January 2012 to 30 June 2012
- Be enrolled in education with one of the following midwifery post graduate education providers: Otago Polytechnic, Victoria University, Massey University or Auckland University of Technology.

Midwifery applicants who have completed one or two papers in another discipline will be eligible to have their applications considered if these papers are cross creditable towards a midwifery post graduate qualification. Proof will be required from the education provider that these papers are being undertaken as part of an overall midwifery focused qualification.

Note that midwives enrolled in the Midwifery First Year of Practice programme or the Midwifery Complex Care Clinical Training are **not** eligible for midwifery postgraduate education grants.

Midwives who have been granted funding from another source towards cost of postgraduate education study that they are applying for HWNZ funding for (for example, from their employer), need to declare the nature and amount of funding or support received. Any funding support received will have to be deducted from any HWNZ grant entitlement. NZCOM advises that we are disbursing a finite post graduate budget, therefore cannot guarantee that all applicants will receive funding.

Any midwife who does not meet the above eligibility criteria may be considered on a case by case basis.

### **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 or 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.

## Funding disbursement timeframe

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

If in doubt about your eligibility, which application form to complete, or any queries please contact the New Zealand College of Midwives who is administering the grants on behalf of Health Workforce New Zealand on (03) 377 2732 or [nzcom@nzcom.org.nz](mailto:nzcom@nzcom.org.nz)

### Career Planning

HWNZ requires all health professionals who receive funding for post graduate education to have evidence of a documented Career Plan. All midwives applying for post graduate grants will therefore also be required to complete the Career Plan Template, as well as the necessary application form.

**In order to have your application considered for the First Semester One funding round, please forward your completed application form, with the required accompanying documentation to NZCOM by the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2012**

## **Standard Midwifery Post Graduate Education Grant categories**

Please refer to the grant categories below to determine which you can apply for. Applicants must identify the appropriate grant category for each paper or semester. Grant funds must only be used for the cost of student fees, and for travel and accommodation expenses (excluding meals).

<b>Grant Category</b>	<b>Number of papers</b>	<b>Number of credits</b>	<b>Amount</b>
<b>Grant A</b>	1 paper	15 credits	\$750
	1 paper	20 credits	\$1,000
	1 or 2 papers	30 credits	\$1,500
	2 papers	40 credits	\$2,000
	3 papers	45 credits	\$2,250
	2, 3 or 4 papers	60 credits	\$3,000
	Midwife lives within 50km one way from the education provider and / or will not / has not been required to travel outside of this area for required attendance at face to face study blocks.		
<b>Grant B</b>	1 paper	15 credits	\$1,000
	1 paper	20 credits	\$1,333
	1 or 2 papers	30 credits	\$2,000
	2 papers	40 credits	\$2,666
	2 or 3 papers	45 credits	\$3,000
	2, 3 or 4 papers	60 credits	\$4,000
	Midwife lives more than 50km one way from the education provider and has been / will be required to travel and pay for accommodation for at least 2 nights away from home for required attendance at face to face study blocks.		
<b>Grant C</b>	1 paper	15 credits	\$1,250
	1 paper	20 credits	\$1,666
	1 or 2 papers	30 credits	\$2,500
	2 papers	40 credits	\$3,333
	3 papers	45 credits	\$3,750
	2, 3 or 4 papers	60 credits	\$5,000
	Midwife lives more than 50km one way from the education provider and has been / will be required to travel and pay for accommodation for 3 or more nights away from home for required attendance at face to face study blocks		



