

## DRAFT FOR NPNZ MEMBER REVIEW

### Submission form: Nurse Practitioner Scope of Practice October 2012

#### How to make a submission

We value your views and encourage you to respond to this document. This submission form can also be downloaded from the Nursing Council website <http://www.nursingcouncil.org.nz>

The closing date for submissions is **12 November 2012**. Please email your submission to [Erin@nursingcouncil.org.nz](mailto:Erin@nursingcouncil.org.nz).

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The questions in this form are designed to help you to focus your response and make it easier for us to analyse submissions. However, you don't have to answer every question and may add additional comments.

Please note that you do not have to provide personal information if you would prefer not to.

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- other (please specify) .....

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### Consultation questions

1. The Council is proposing that nurse practitioner becomes a prescribing scope of practice when nurse practitioners are given authorised prescribing authority under the proposed changes to the Medicines Act. Do you agree with the proposal to delete the words “may choose to” (prescribe) from the scope statement?

Yes  No

2. If no, please provide your reasoning.

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3. The Council is proposing that prescribing education is included in the qualifications for all nurse practitioners. Do you agree with the proposal to change the wording of sections c, d, and e in the prescribed qualifications?

Yes  No

4. If no, please provide your reasoning.

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5. Do you think that non prescribing nurse practitioners should be required to gain authorisation as prescribers within two years?

Yes  No

6. Please provide your reasoning.

Yes, we agree that non-prescribing NPs should be required to gain prescribing within two years, however it is important that a process be put in place so that they are not disadvantaged and will be able to practically fulfill the needed requirements to become authorized prescribers. This is also important so that the New Zealand Nursing Council is not overwhelmed with requests for portfolio assessments and panel interviews in a condensed period of time. A reasonable approach would be for non-prescribing NPs to complete 100 hours of clinically supervised prescribing practicum by an authorized prescriber. At the end of this supervision period the supervising authorized prescriber would perform a systematic competency assessment set forth by the NZNC of the NP to certify prescribing competence.

7. Do you think that Council should cease registering non prescribing nurse practitioners when the scope of practice changes?

Yes  No

8. Please provide your reasoning.

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9. Do you think that nurse practitioners should be required to meet the same continuing competence requirements under section 41 of the Act?

Yes  No

10. If no, please provide your reasoning.

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11. Do you have any other comments?

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