



Abortion Supervisory Committee

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Application for Appointment as a Certifying Consultant

To assist workforce planning, please complete all sections

I hereby make application for appointment as a Certifying Consultant, pursuant to Section 30 Contraception, Sterilisation, and Abortion Act 1977.

Part 1: Applicant

What is your name?

Surname(s)

First name(s)

Practice address?

Street

Suburb

City / Town

Post code

Postal address? (If different from above)

Street / PO Box

Suburb

City / Town

Post code

Contact details

Daytime contact phone number ()

Mobile

Email address

What is your ethnicity?

What is your gender?

Male

Female

What is your age group?

20-29

30-39

40-49

50-59

60+

Part 2: Qualifications and experience

For the purpose of appointment the following particulars are supplied:

Relevant Qualifications	Year Qualifications obtained	Where Qualifications obtained

Are you vocationally trained? (please tick)

General Practitioner

O & G

Psychiatry

Other (Please list details)

Are you a registered specialist in obstetrics and/or gynaecology?

Yes

No

Are you a practising obstetrician?

Yes

No

If not one of the above:

Are you applying to be an Operating Surgeon?

Yes

No

Do you have access to specialist support?

Yes

No

If so from whom?

Will you be employed in a licensed institution and/or work from your own rooms? (please tick)

Licenced institution

Own rooms

What positions have you held in the last five years?

List positions held in last 5 years	Years i.e: 2006–2007

Is there any other information you wish to provide?

Pursuant to s.30(3) of the Contraception, Sterilisation, and Abortion Act this application form will be sent to the New Zealand Medical Council and the New Zealand Medical Association, which requires two written references from doctors currently practising in New Zealand.

Please enclose copies of the following:

Annual Practising Certificate

Evidence of vocational registration

Supporting statement from the "General Oversight Supervisor"

Two written references

Part 3: Statement by Applicant

I have read the extract of s.30 of the Contraception, Sterilisation, and Abortion Act 1977 set hereunder and I confirm that my assessment of cases will not be coloured by my views, in relation to abortion, that are considered incompatible with s.30(5) of the Act.

I understand that in applying for this position I will be required to keep myself current with the legislation and medical practice associated with being a certifying consultant.

Signature _____ Date / / _____ (day / month / year)

Please send this application to the Secretary, Abortion Supervisory Committee at the address shown at the end of this form.

Part 4: Legislation

Important: Section 30, Contraception, Sterilisation, and Abortion Act 1977 states:

1. The Supervisory Committee shall set up and maintain a list of medical practitioners (in this Act termed certifying consultants) who may be called upon to consider cases referred to them by any medical practitioner and determine, in accordance with section 33 of this Act, whether to authorise an abortion.
2. Before drawing up the list, the Supervisory Committee shall determine the minimum number of certifying consultants required to ensure, so far as possible, that every woman seeking an abortion has her case considered expeditiously, and shall make that number of appointments in accordance with this section. Thereafter, the Committee shall keep that number under review, and shall from time to time make such further appointments, or revoke such number of appointments, as it considers necessary to meet any change in the circumstances.
3. Having determined the number of appointments to be made, the Supervisory Committee shall consult with the New Zealand Medical Association, and may consult with any other professional or other body, before determining whom to appoint.
4. In making appointments to the list, the Supervisory Committee shall ensure that the following requirements are met:
 - a. At least one half of the total number of appointees shall be practising obstetricians or gynaecologists, and the list shall be marked in such a way as to indicate which of the appointees are so qualified:
 - b. There shall be sufficient number of appointees practising in each area of New Zealand to ensure that every woman seeking an abortion can have her case considered without involving her in considerable travelling or other inconvenience.
5. In addition, in making such appointments, the Supervisory Committee shall have regard to the desirability of appointing medical practitioners whose assessment of cases coming before them will not be coloured by views in relation to abortion generally that are incompatible with the tenor of this Act. Without otherwise limiting the discretion of the Supervisory Committee in this regard, the following views shall be considered incompatible in that sense for the purposes of this subsection:
 - a. That an abortion should not be performed in any circumstances:
 - b. That the question of whether an abortion should or should not be performed in any case is entirely a matter for the woman and a doctor to decide.
6. Every appointment to the list of certifying consultants shall be for a term of one year, but the Supervisory Committee may reappoint any practitioner on the expiry of this term.
7. The Supervisory Committee may at any time, at its discretion, revoke the appointment of any certifying consultant.

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Date (day / month / year)	Notes (for official use only)
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