**SPECIFICATIONS AND SCOPE**

**FOR TRAINEE SLEEP PHYSIOLOGIST/TECHNOLIGIST**

**1.0 PREAMBLE**

Health Workforce New Zealand (HWNZ) acknowledges the need for district health boards (DHBs) to plan regionally for allied health, scientific and technical workforce training and development, and respond in an agile way to workforce changes and service demands.

Sleep physiologists/technologists are not regulated under the Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (the Act). The Clinical Physiologist Registration Board (CPRB) offers voluntary registration. The CPRB register lists 24 practising sleep physiologists/technologists (on 10 July 2018). The number of sleep physiologists/technologists not registered with CPRB is unknown. DHBs employing sleep physiologists/technologists would generally require CPRB registration.

Under this service specification, HWNZ funding can be used to support the pathway into practice for sleep physiologist/technologist trainees who are New Zealand citizens or permanent residents.

**2.0 TRAINEE ELIGIBILITY**

Applicants must fulfil the following conditions to be considered for a DHB placement that supports them to complete the training requirements set out by CPRB[[1]](#footnote-1):

* A qualification in physiology (sleep) as required for voluntary registration.
* Successful registration as a trainee sleep physiologist/technologist with the CPRB.
* New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency.

Upon commencement of employment, trainees are expected to apply for registration and an annual practice certificate under supervision/training with the CPRB to be granted registration *with conditions*.

Trainees must also become a member of a recognised professional society (eg. Australian Sleep Technologists Association) as part of their application for registration.

Upon completion of the sleep physiologist/technologist training programme, and meeting the requirements for demonstrating clinical competence, the sleep physiologist/technologist trainee will be eligible to apply for registration in the scope of practice of sleep physiologist/technologist.

**3.0 SELECTION PROCESS**

The selection process will be coordinated by DHB Directors of Allied Health in conjunction with the Regional Directors of Training.

**4.0 SUPERVISION**

Supervision of the trainee will adhere to all requirements of the CPRB guidelines on supervision.

**5.0 PROGRAMME QUALITY STANDARDS**

The trainee sleep physiologist/technologist and the host DHB are expected to meet all the expectations and requirements for the training programme as guided by the CPRB.

**6.0 REPORTING**

Schedule 1 Part 1 of the HWNZ Head Agreement requires the provider to have a quality plan in place for the ongoing monitoring of the training programme.

At the end of the contract timeframe, the following information must be provided to HWNZ.

* The number of trainees by gender, ethnicity and employment location who become registered with the CPRB.
* A summary of the training programme outlining achievements and any risks managed, along with reference to the quality plan.

1. If a training provider does not require a sleep physiologist/technologist to become registered with the CPRB, an alternate agency must be agreed between the training provider and HWNZ before funding can be approved. This and other references to CPRB must be amended to the agreed agency. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)