

# COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Amendment Order 2021 as at 26 October 2021



New Zealand Council Of  
Christian Social Services

## Kaupapa | Purpose

This document shares publicly available information in relation to the mandating of vaccinations for health and disability workers to support members' understanding of this issue. This document is current as of 26<sup>th</sup> October 2021.

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## Mana Whakahaere a te Kawanatanga | Vaccination Mandates

### Public Health Orders

The government can mandate vaccination for employees across a variety of sectors using Public Health Orders.

The extended COVID-19 Public Health Response (Vaccinations) Amendment Order 2021 came into effect at 11.59pm on 25 October, requiring workers who face an elevated risk of exposure to COVID-19 and who work in the health and disability and education sectors or in prisons to be fully vaccinated

Because of the nature of their work, these groups are all at particular risk of being infected with COVID-19, and of passing it on to the vulnerable groups they work with, as well as whānau, and members of the wider community.

**The Order will require all health and disability workers and education workers to have received their first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine by 11.59pm, 15 November 2021. Both the health and disability workers and the education sector workers must be fully vaccinated by 11.59pm, 1 January 2022.**

After these dates, workplaces allowing affected workers to carry out work covered by the Order commit an offence under the COVID-19 Public Health Response Act 2020.

An accessible and useful explainer to understand the health and disability context of this order is available from the Ministry of Health [here](#). The document covers who is impacted, and provides a range of templates, FAQ's, and flow charts / process maps to aid understanding.

## Tangata kua pangia - Hauora me te Hauatanga | Affected People - Health & Disability

- Health practitioners as defined by the HPCA (table below)
- Workers who carry out work where health services are provided to members of the public by 1 or more health practitioners and whose role involves being within 2 metres or less of a health practitioner or a member of the public for a period of 15 minutes or more.
- Workers employed or engaged by certified providers who carry out work at the premises at which the health care services are provided.
- Care and support workers - a person employed or engaged to carry out work that includes going to the home or place of residence of another person to provide care and support services.

While the criteria above are intended to be broad enough to capture all of those working with vulnerable people, the focus is on health and disability. We strongly suggest staying up to date with further information releases from the Ministry of Health in the coming days and weeks.

*It is important to note that Social workers are not covered by the HPCA Act 2003, but are regulated under the Social Worker Registration Legislation Act 2019, which is administered by the Ministry of Social Development. Their regulatory body is the [Social Workers Registration Board](#).*

### Professions Regulated under the Health Practitioner's Competency Act 2003

Profession	Responsible authority
Chiropractic	<a href="#">Chiropractic Board</a>
Dentistry, dental hygiene, clinical dental technology, dental technology, dental therapy, and oral health therapy	<a href="#">Dental Council</a>
Dietetics	<a href="#">Dietitians Board</a>
Medical Laboratory Science, Anaesthetic Technology	<a href="#">Medical Sciences Council of New Zealand</a>
Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy	<a href="#">Medical Radiation Technologists Board</a>
Medicine	<a href="#">Medical Council of New Zealand</a>
Midwifery	<a href="#">Midwifery Council</a>
Nursing	<a href="#">Nursing Council of New Zealand</a>
Occupational Therapy	<a href="#">Occupational Therapy Board</a>
Optometry and optical dispensing	<a href="#">Optometrists and Dispensing Opticians Board</a>
Osteopathy	<a href="#">Osteopathic Council</a>
Paramedics	<a href="#">Paramedic Council</a>
Pharmacy	<a href="#">Pharmacy Council</a>
Physiotherapy	<a href="#">Physiotherapy Board</a>
Podiatry	<a href="#">Podiatrists Board</a>
Psychology	<a href="#">Psychologists Board</a>
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