# Submission form: Proposed changes to ACC regulations for Chinese medicine, paramedics and audiometrists

The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) would like your feedback on proposals on proposed changes to ACC’s Accredited Employers Programme. Please provide your feedback by **5pm, on 16 May 2024.**

When completing this submission form, please provide comments, evidence, and any data that may aid your submission. Your feedback provides valuable information and informs decisions about the proposals.

We appreciate your time and effort taken to respond to this consultation.

# Instructions

**To make a submission you will need to:**

1. Fill out your name, email address, phone number and organisation.
2. Fill out your responses to the discussion document questions that concern you. You can answer any or all of these questions. Where possible, please provide us with evidence to support your views. Examples can include references to independent research or facts and figures.
3. If your submission has any confidential information:
4. Please state this in the email accompanying your submission, and set out clearly which parts you consider should be withheld and the grounds under the Official Information Act 1982 (Official Information Act) that you believe apply. MBIE will take such objections into account and will consult with submitters when responding to requests under the Official Information Act.
5. Indicate this on the front of your submission (e.g. the first page header may state “In Confidence”). Any confidential information should be clearly marked within the text of your submission (preferably as Microsoft Word comments).
6. Note that submissions are subject to the Official Information Act and may, therefore, be released in part or full. The Privacy Act 1993 also applies.
7. Submit your feedback:
8. As a Microsoft Word document by email to**ACregs@mbie.govt.nz** with subject line:*Consultation on changes to ACC regulations*.
9. By mailing your submission to:

The Manager, Accident Compensation Policy
Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment
PO Box 1473
Wellington 6140
New Zealand

# Submitter information

MBIE would appreciate if you would provide some information about yourself. If you choose to provide information in the section below it will be used to help MBIE understand the impact of our proposals on different occupational groups. Any information you provide will be stored securely.

**Your name, email address, phone number and organisation**

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**Regulatory proposals we are seeking your views on**

**Questions on proposed changes for Chinese Medicine**

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| **Question 3.1**Do you agree with amending the definition of acupuncturist in the Definitions Regulations to recognise the Chinese Medicine Council as the regulator, to ensure acupuncturists continue to be funded by ACC for providing covered treatment? Please provide reasons for your view.

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| **Question 3.2**Do you agree that adopting option B, extending ACC treatment injury to all regulated Chinese medicine practitioners, best meets the objectives set? If not, why not? Please provide reasons for your view.

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**Regulatory proposals we are seeking your views on**

**Questions on proposed changes for paramedics**

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| **Question 4.1**Do you agree that adopting option B, commencing to fund paramedics for ACC treatment, best meets the objectives set? If not, why not? Please provide reasons for your view.

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| **Question 4.2**

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| **Paramedics’ Costs - Item Description**  | **Rate (per visit)** |
| The claimant is 14 years old or over when the visit takes place and is not the holder of a community services card or the dependent child of a holder. | $16.99  |
| The claimant is under 14 years old when the visit takes place  | $36.17  |
| The claimant is 14 years old or over when the visit takes place and is the holder of a community services card | $31.27  |
| The claimant is 14 years old or over but under 18 years old when the visit takes place and is the dependent child of a holder of a community services card. | $37.18  |

Do you agree that adopting option B, adding the above paramedic treatment rates to the Cost of Treatment Regulations, best meets the objectives set? If not, why not? Please provide reasons for your view.

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| **Question 4.3**Do you agree with adding paramedics as registered health professionals in the Definitions Regulations to ensure their treatment continues to be covered by the ACC treatment injury provisions? Please provide reasons for your view.

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**Regulatory proposals we are seeking your views on**

**Questions on proposed changes for audiometrists**

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| **Question 5.1**Do you agree that adopting option B, commencing to fund audiometrists for ACC treatment, best meets the objectives set? If not, why not? Please provide reasons for your view.

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| **Question 5.2**Do you agree that adopting option B, making all audiologist treatment rates also apply to audiometrists, best meets the objectives set? If not, why not? Please provide reasons for your view.

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| **Question 5.3**Do you agree with updating the definition of audiologist in the Definitions Regulations to make it consistent with the NZAS constitution? If not, please provide reasons for your view.

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**Question on proposed minor change to nurse definition**

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| **Question 6.1**Do you agree with updating the definition of nurse in the Cost of Treatment Regulations to make it consistent with the new scope of practice for nurses? Please provide reasons for your view.

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