

## Help with paying for your practising certificate

### Who does this apply to?

Practitioners who have been affected by implementation of COVID-19 alert level 3-4 and are struggling to make payment for their 2020-2021 practising certificate. It is intended to provide some financial respite for practitioners while government support packages are made available. We understand this is a difficult time for practitioners, and paying for a practising certificate is seen as an additional worry.

### Who does it not apply to?

Practitioners who have an arrangement for their employer or organisation to pay or reimburse them for their practising certificate fees.

This option does not apply to practitioners who have already paid and obtained a practising certificate. And applies for the 2020-2021 practising year.

### What are the payment options?

#### 1. 3 month certificate with refund

Apply for a 3 month practising certificate (1 April- 1 July 2020). Before the expiry (1 July 2020) you can then apply for an annual practising certificate (ending 31 March 2021) and receive a refund of the \$190 for the 3 month practising certificate. You will need to make an on-line application in the usual way but identify a Short Term (valid for the next 3 months) certificate.

#### 2. Credit/debit card payments

You provide the OTBNZ with your credit/debit card details and we will deduct \$100 per month from your account over a 5 month period. We will email you about 5 working days prior to remind you this will occur over the following 4 months. Please email [enquiries@otboard.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@otboard.org.nz) stating you wish to use option 2 – credit/debit card payments.

#### 3. Hardship

We understand that there may be some practitioners who are facing particular hardship at this time. We encourage you to make contact with us so we can help. Please email [enquiries@otboard.org.nz](mailto:enquiries@otboard.org.nz)

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