



## Shiatsu Practitioners Association of

Aotearoa, New Zealand

SPAA (NZ) Inc.

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Thank you for your expression of interest in registering as a Shiatsu Practitioner with SPAA.

As you may know, SPAA is a friendly and supportive association that enables contact to be kept between its members as well as promoting positive support for ongoing Shiatsu learning. The association ensures that professional standards are met, and through the NZ Charter of Health Practitioners, maintains links with the unifying body of natural and complimentary health in NZ. This is important for political strength and a unified voice within healthcare. By joining SPAA you are joining a self-regulatory body, which operates under the auspices of the NZ Charter of Natural Health Practitioners ([www.healthcharter.org.nz](http://www.healthcharter.org.nz)).

There are two membership levels.

**Full Membership:** Requires full verification of qualification and criteria met. Maintaining this status requires 35 hours of post-graduate training for every 2 year cycle of membership. This can be done by attending our SPAA conference with professional training; 28 hrs of shiatsu and the remaining hours of shiatsu related training as documented in SPAA constitution.

**Associate/student Membership:** This is for students currently training, and other Practitioners who do not wish to retain full membership status, but keep an interest in the association. This level of membership may not advertise their services through the website.

As a Full member of SPAA your name would be added to our register of practitioners and if you wish, can be made available for any inquiries via our website. SPAA newsletters are also sent to all the members upon their publication. These include educational articles, stories and forthcoming events.

If you have completed a minimum of 1600 class contact hours and can verify this with appropriate letters, copies of certificates etc, from your colleges and teachers, then the procedure you need to follow to lodge an application for membership with SPAA is as follows:

1. Complete the Application Form as attached.
2. In your application, please supply verification of your qualifications with a breakdown of your hours. If necessary, contact your college for these details.
3. Enclose a copy of a current First Aid Certificate.

When the secretary has received all your information, the Educational committee is informed of your application. Once the hours are verified by the Educational committee you will be notified of the next step in the process as soon as possible.

Please forward the attached application form and all verifying documentation to the address on the application form.

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SPAA Secretary.