

Kōrerorero tahi – Ngā Tohu Manapou

Consultation – Prescribed Paramedic Qualifications

Consultation opens: Rāapa, te 3 o Hune 2026 | **Wednesday, 3 June 2026**

Consultation closes: Rāpare, te 9 o Hūrae 2026 | **Thursday, 9 July 2026**

Have your say: Complete the [online survey](#) or email your submission to registrar@paramediccouncil.org.nz

Tēnā koutou katoa,

Te Kaunihera Manapou | Paramedic Council (Te Kaunihera) are proposing to recognise an additional qualification. This qualification will allow eligible paramedics to apply for a ***specialist paramedic practise endorsement as an extended care paramedic (ECP)***. The new qualification is:

- ***Postgraduate Diploma in Specialty Care (Paramedicine)*** from Whitireia.

You can provide feedback to us via SurveyMonkey [here](#), or completing the pātai | questions at the end of this document.

Feedback must be received before Rāpare, te 9 o Hūrae 2026 | **Thursday, 9 July 2026.**

Ngā mihi nui | Thank you for taking the time to provide feedback!

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Introduction

Te Kaunihera Manapou | Paramedic Council (Te Kaunihera) is a responsible authority, established under the [Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003](#) (HPCA Act).

The role of Te Kaunihera is to protect the health and safety of the public by ensuring paramedics are fit and competent to practise. Te Kaunihera's obligations are set out under [section 118](#) of the HPCA Act and include (but are not limited to) requirements to accredit training institutions, consider applications for registration and practising certificates for paramedics, deal with issues relating to the conduct, competence and health of paramedics, and set standards that paramedics must comply with.

The HPCA Act requires Te Kaunihera to define paramedics' areas of mahi | work (known as "scopes of practice"). Every paramedic is assigned a scope of practice. [Specialist paramedic practice endorsements](#) (known as "endorsements") were introduced in Hune | June 2025 and recognise paramedics with additional qualifications working within an expanded area of paramedic practice.

Currently, there are three specialist paramedic practise endorsements:

- Critical care paramedics (CCPs)
- Extended care paramedics (ECPs)
- Intensive care paramedics (ICPs)

Only paramedics who hold the relevant specialist endorsement can use these specialist titles. Te Kaunihera has a Standard for the use of paramedic titles [here](#) which sets out the legal and ethical use of paramedic titles.

To apply for an ECP specialist endorsement, a paramedic must complete an approved qualification¹.

¹ During the Grandparenting period, paramedics who may not have completed an approved qualification, but have current practise experience in Aotearoa or other qualifications are eligible to apply for a specialist endorsement. Please keep in mind that grandparenting ends at 4pm, 2 Tihema | December 2026.

What is being proposed?

Currently, there is only one education provider offering the approved qualifications for those paramedics who wish to apply for an ECP endorsement, Te Wānanga Aronui o Tāmaki Makau Rau | Auckland University of Technology (AUT).

Having only one education provider offering an approved qualification can create barriers for ākongā | students who are unable to relocate or who must compete for a limited number of postgraduate places.

Te Kaunihera is proposing to recognise the new ***Postgraduate Diploma in Specialty Care (Paramedicine)*** from Whitireia as an additional grandparented qualification and pathway for paramedics in Aotearoa New Zealand for gaining a specialist paramedic practise endorsement in extended care paramedicine.

Extended care paramedics (also known as “ECPs”)

An extended care paramedic (ECP) is a registered paramedic with an expanded scope of paramedic practice specialising in primary and preventive care in the community. An ECP has advanced knowledge and skills beyond that of a paramedic, with a focus on patients with low acuity and often high-complexity clinical conditions. This includes providing advanced medications and interventions, including (where necessary) invasive procedures below the gingival margin or the surface of the skin, mucous membranes or teeth. An ECP practises with an emphasis on positively impacting health disparities and helping patients/family/whānau navigate the healthcare system and may practise autonomously or collaboratively with other health professionals in various clinical settings.

What qualifications are currently accepted?

The only qualification currently grandparented for eligibility to apply for specialist paramedic practise endorsement in extended care paramedicine is the Postgraduate Diploma offered by AUT.

Grandparenting in the context of qualifications refers to the transitional arrangement where the existing programmes are recognised as producing competent graduates until such time as formal accreditation takes place. This is a common practice within the health regulatory context, particularly when new scopes of practise or health professions emerge.

Once postgraduate paramedicine qualification standards have been developed and approved, both AUT and Whitireia will need to go through the accreditation assessment process for their qualifications. It is anticipated that this will occur in 2028.

This will lead to the gazetting of accredited qualifications. Until these steps are completed, the existing grandparenting arrangements will remain in place and continue to operate.

The proposed changes to this section of Te Kaunihera’s scope of practice are shown below, with changes in italicised font. For reference, Te Kaunihera’s full scope of practice showing the proposed changes is included as [appendix 2](#).

[...]

Prescribed qualifications for Registration in a Specialist Practice Paramedic Endorsement

Under section 12 of the HPCA Act, Te Kaunihera has prescribed the following qualifications for registration in the Paramedic scope of practice with a specialist paramedic practice endorsement:

Pathway 1: ~~Auckland University of Technology~~ Qualification – Extended Care Paramedic and/or Critical Care Paramedic

1. A registered paramedic will be eligible to apply for Specialist Paramedic Practice endorsement as an ECP and/or CCP with one or more of the following qualifications ~~from Te Wānanga Aronui O Tāmaki Makau Rau | Auckland University of Technology (AUT)~~:

- a) Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science in Paramedicine – Extended Care Paramedicine (for ECP endorsement) **from Te Wānanga Aronui O Tāmaki Makau Rau | Auckland University of Technology (AUT)**
- b) Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science in Paramedicine – Critical Care Paramedicine (for CCP endorsement) **from Te Wānanga Aronui O Tāmaki Makau Rau | Auckland University of Technology (AUT)**
- c) Master of Health Practice in Paramedicine (MHPrac) with a transcript providing evidence of completion of the same papers required for the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science in Paramedicine – Critical Care Paramedicine (for CCP endorsement) or Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science in Paramedicine – Extended Care Paramedicine (for ECP endorsement) **from Te Wānanga Aronui O Tāmaki Makau Rau | Auckland University of Technology (AUT)**
- d) Master of Health Science (MHSc) with a transcript providing evidence of completion of the same papers required for the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science in Paramedicine – Critical Care Paramedicine (for CCP endorsement) or Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science in Paramedicine – Extended Care Paramedicine (for ECP endorsement) **from Te Wānanga Aronui O Tāmaki Makau Rau | Auckland University of Technology (AUT)**
- e) **Postgraduate Diploma in Specialty Care (Paramedicine) (for ECP endorsement) from Whireia**

Proposed changes:

The reference to Te Wānanga Aronui o Tāmaki Makau Rau | Auckland University of Technology (AUT) has been moved from this part of the descriptor and instead included with each individual qualification listed “a” – “d”.

This is primarily a “tidying up” exercise.

Proposed changes:

The new Postgraduate Diploma from Whireia has been included as qualification “e”, noting that this is for an ECP endorsement.

[...]

How did Te Kaunihera consider this qualification as being “good enough” to produce competent graduates?

Accreditation is one of Te Kaunihera’s functions under [section 118\(a\)](#) of the HPCA Act and aims to provide the public and ākonga | students with assurance that paramedicine programmes have met minimum training standards set by Te Kaunihera, and that they produce competent graduates. For postgraduate programmes, this includes eligibility to apply for specialist paramedic practice endorsements.

As postgraduate qualifications have not yet undergone formal accreditation, to assist with Te Kaunihera’s consideration, a report was prepared by two of Te Kaunihera’s specialist advisors, who were selected for their extensive experience in extended care paramedicine education, training, and practice. They were asked to consider the following pātai | question - *Whether graduates from this programme have the knowledge, skills, and professional attributes to practise as an extended care paramedic in a competent, culturally safe, and ethical manner?*

The purpose of the assessment was to consider at a high level whether Whitireia’s Postgraduate Diploma was comparable to the grandparented extended care paramedic qualification currently offered by AUT.

To ensure a robust process, the assessment considered the information provided by Whitireia for the Postgraduate Diploma against key areas within the undergraduate accreditation standards, including:

- Assessing culturally and clinically safe practise
- Programme design, implementation and resourcing
- Ākonga | student experience
- Assessment

The advisors agreed that the qualification is comparable to AUT’s postgraduate programme which is currently grandparented by Te Kaunihera. Further to this, the advisors were satisfied that graduates of this programme will possess the knowledge, skills, and professional attributes required to practise as an ECP in a competent, culturally safe, and ethical manner. It was recommended that Te Kaunihera grandparent Whitireia’s Postgraduate Diploma in Specialty Care (Paramedicine).

Whilst the advisors supported the qualification, as part of their review they identified several areas where the programme could be strengthened. Early visibility of these recommendations provides Whitireia the opportunity to start to address these ahead of the formal accreditation process.

For reference, the report prepared by the advisors which contains the recommendations is available on Te Kaunihera’s website.

What other factors contributed to Te Kaunihera’s consideration?

At present, AUT is the only recognised provider, with a limited number of places and delivery based in Tāmaki Makaurau | Auckland, which can create barriers for ākonga | students who are unable to relocate or who must compete for a limited number of postgraduate places.

Approving a second education provider in another part of the motu | country somewhat improves access to education by increasing the number of available places and broadening geographic access. This then provides a wider range of prospective ākonga | students with more options to engage in education and training.

When prescribing a qualification, Te Kaunihera is required to take into account what is necessary to protect the public, while also ensuring that qualifications do not unnecessarily restrict registration or impose undue costs on practitioners (or the public). By considering approving a qualification from another education provider, this will provide an additional pathway for those paramedics who wish to apply for an ECP endorsement.

Te Kaunihera therefore has balanced the need to protect the public with the need to ensure that the proposed qualifications do not impose unnecessary barriers for specialist paramedic practice endorsement.

Who will the changes apply to and from when?

Should Te Kaunihera agree to Gazette the Postgraduate Diploma as a recognised qualification, it will mean that anyone who completes the qualification after this date will be eligible to apply for a specialist paramedic practise endorsement as an ECP.

This includes completion of the two “ECP” papers contained within the Postgraduate Diploma:

- HSC8722 – Extended Care Paramedicine 1
- HSC8723 – Extended Care Paramedicine 2

What other pathways are there for applying for an extended care paramedic specialist endorsement?

Regardless of the outcome of this consultation, pathways will continue to be available for:

- Paramedics who have completed an approved postgraduate qualification from AUT
- Paramedics who have completed an overseas qualification which is equivalent to, or as satisfactory as, the approved Aotearoa extended care paramedic qualifications
- The grandparenting pathway will remain open until **4pm, 2 Thema | December 2026**, for registered paramedics who have completed another equivalent qualification, or have experience and training as an ECP

Conditions on practice

Te Kaunihera retains the ability to add a condition to a scope of practice if it considers it is necessary to protect the public. Further, it may include conditions to provide structured support to a paramedic when they are first granted a specialist paramedic practice endorsement.

Particularly in the initial stages of specialist paramedic endorsement, Te Kaunihera will consider whether an applicant has relevant supervised clinical experience, and it may impose a condition to require a period of supervised clinical practice, with regular progress reports to Te Kaunihera, to ensure a paramedic is supported into independent specialist practice.

What happens next?

Once Te Kaunihera has received and carefully considered all feedback, Te Kaunihera Board members will make a final decision on how to proceed.

Based on the feedback received, if limited change is needed, the next steps will be to publish a notice in [Te Kāhiti o Aotearoa | New Zealand Gazette](#) formally recognising the Postgraduate Diploma qualification.

If the feedback suggests that substantial change is needed, Te Kaunihera may undertake a further consultation to help guide our mahi | work.

Feedback and submissions

Te Kaunihera has developed some pātai | questions for respondents to provide feedback on the proposed changes to our recognised qualification. Responses can be completed online via SurveyMonkey by clicking [here](#), or you can email your submissions using [Appendix 1 to registrar@paramediccouncil.org.nz](mailto:Registrar@paramediccouncil.org.nz).

Please let us know in your email if you would like us to remove your name and/or the name of your organisation in any publicly available analysis of responses. It will also help us to analyse your response if you identify which part of the sector you belong to – for example, ākonga | student, education provider or member of the public.

This consultation is also available on Te Kaunihera's [website](#).

Te Kaunihera is committed to collaboration and engagement and welcomes responses to this consultation from the public, paramedics and interested parties.

The consultation period close on **Rāpare, te 9 o Hūrae 2026 | Thursday, 9 July 2026**. At the close of the consultation period, Te Kaunihera will carefully review all feedback using the information received to make informed decisions. Decisions will be shared via a consultation response document.

Once decisions are made, if feedback indicates support for recognising this qualification, a notice will be published in [Te Kāhiti o Aotearoa | New Zealand Gazette](#).

Appendix 1: Ngā pātai whakawhitinga kōrero | Consultation questions

Te Kaunihera has developed questions for respondents to provide feedback. Responses can be completed online via SurveyMonkey by clicking [here](#) or by using the form below.

In the interests of transparency, Te Kaunihera usually publishes an analysis of stakeholder feedback on its website. We will not publish submissions we consider derogatory or inflammatory. Please let us know if you would like us to remove your name and/or the name of your organisation in any publicly available analysis of responses.

It will help us analyse responses if you identify which part of the sector you belong to (for example, paramedic, employer, ākonga | student, education provider or member of the public).

| Details of person making submission | |
|--|--|
| What is your name? | |
| What is your role? <i>e.g. paramedic, employer, ākonga student, education provider, member of the public</i> | |
| Are you a registered paramedic? | |
| Are you writing a response on behalf of an organisation or as an individual? | |
| If on behalf of an organisation, what is the organisation? | |
| Please let us know if you would like us to remove your name and/or the name of your organisation in any publicly available analysis of survey responses: | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Please remove my name <input type="checkbox"/> Please remove the name of my organisation <input type="checkbox"/> Te Kaunihera may publish this information | |
| If you are a registered paramedic | |
| <i>Your answers will not be used to individually identify you or your submission.</i> | |
| If you are a registered paramedic with Te Kaunihera, what is your primary practice level? | <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency medical technician (EMT) <input type="checkbox"/> Paramedic <input type="checkbox"/> Intensive care paramedic (ICP) <input type="checkbox"/> Critical care paramedic (CCP) <input type="checkbox"/> Extended care paramedic (ECP) <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please describe: _____ |
| What best describes your mahi work? | <input type="checkbox"/> Road ambulance service <input type="checkbox"/> Air ambulance service <input type="checkbox"/> Ambulance management <input type="checkbox"/> Event services <input type="checkbox"/> Hospital |



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| | <input type="checkbox"/> Kaupapa Māori health provider <input type="checkbox"/> Military services <input type="checkbox"/> Oil and/or gas industry <input type="checkbox"/> Paramedic education <input type="checkbox"/> Primary care <input type="checkbox"/> Private ambulance service <input type="checkbox"/> Telehealth <input type="checkbox"/> Vaccination services <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please describe: _____ |
| What is your primary work environment? | <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Offshore <input type="checkbox"/> Remote <input type="checkbox"/> Metropolitan <input type="checkbox"/> Telehealth/Online <input type="checkbox"/> Other or a combination, please describe: _____ |
| What is your employment status? | <input type="checkbox"/> Full-time <input type="checkbox"/> Part-time <input type="checkbox"/> Casual <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer <input type="checkbox"/> Not currently in employment <input type="checkbox"/> Other, please describe: _____ |

Submission

Pātai | Question:

Do you agree with the proposal to recognise the Postgraduate Diploma in Specialty Care (Paramedicine) from Whitireia as a qualification which would allow paramedics to apply for a specialist paramedic practise endorsement as an extended care paramedic?

Yes | Some | No

Please provide context for your response:

Pātai | Question:

Do you have any other comments in relation to the proposal to recognise the Postgraduate Diploma in Specialty Care (Paramedicine) from Whitireia as a recognised qualification?

Yes | Some | No

Please provide context for your response:

Completed consultation pātai | questions should be received prior to **Rāpare, te 9 o Hūrae 2026 | Thursday, 9 July 2026**. You can send this to Te Kaunihera by:

Email: registrar@paramediccouncil.org.nz

Post: PO Box 9644, Wellington 6141

Courier: Level 5, 22 Willeston Street, Wellington 6011

Appendix 2: Proposed scope of practise and prescribed qualifications

Te Kaunihera's full scope of practise and prescribed qualifications are shown below. The section containing the proposed changes is highlighted in blue, with the proposed changes appearing as italicised green font. No other changes have been proposed.

For reference, Te Kaunihera's current and previous gazette notices are available on our website [here](#).

Paramedic Scope of Practice

Under section 11 of the HPCA Act, Te Kaunihera has specified the scope of practice for Paramedics as follows:

1. Paramedics are registered health practitioners who use their clinical knowledge, skills, and judgement to provide healthcare services primarily in the provision of urgent and/or emergency assessment, diagnosis and treatment of patients, including provision of clinical advice, referral and, where required, transport. All patient care is, ethically, safely and effectively carried out in accordance with Aotearoa New Zealand law, the principles of Te Tiriti o Waitangi, Kaunihera standards of clinical competence and cultural competence (including competencies that will enable effective and respectful interactions with Māori), clinical guidelines, documented protocols, and standing orders issued by the employer/organisation's clinical governance framework. Paramedics liaise and cooperate with other healthcare providers and clinical personnel to foster a team approach, provide leadership, provide supervision, support and oversight of non-regulated members of the clinical team, and ensure services are provided in a timely and integrated fashion in partnership with individuals, families, whānau and communities.
2. Paramedics may also perform a variety of functions including policy development, leadership, management, research, training and education, and public liaison and communication roles.
3. Paramedics are individually accountable for ensuring all health services they provide are consistent with their education and skill level, meet legislative requirements and are supported by appropriate standards.

Specialist Paramedic Practice Endorsements

Paramedics with additional qualifications and/or experience may apply for a Specialist Paramedic Practice endorsement on their paramedic scope of practice to recognise an extended area of practice. Only paramedics who hold the relevant Specialist Paramedic Practice Endorsement can use these specialist titles. The Specialist Paramedic Practice endorsements that may be applied to the paramedic scope of practice, at Te Kaunihera's complete discretion, are:

1. Critical Care Paramedic

A Critical Care Paramedic is a registered paramedic with an expanded scope of paramedic practice specialising in the care of the critically ill or the critically injured. A Critical Care Paramedic has advanced knowledge and skills beyond that of a paramedic, with a focus on patients with high acuity and often life-threatening clinical conditions. This includes providing advanced airway management and medications and interventions, including (where necessary) invasive procedures below the gingival margin or the surface of the skin, mucous membranes or teeth, including during interfacility transfer. A Critical Care Paramedic may practise autonomously or collaboratively with other health professionals in various clinical settings.

2. Extended Care Paramedic

An Extended Care Paramedic is a registered paramedic with an expanded scope of paramedic practice specialising in primary and preventive care in the community. An Extended Care Paramedic has advanced knowledge and skills beyond that of a paramedic, with a focus on patients with low acuity and often high-complexity clinical conditions. This includes providing advanced medications and interventions, including (where necessary) invasive procedures below the gingival margin or the surface of the skin, mucous membranes or teeth. An Extended Care Paramedic practises with an emphasis on positively impacting health disparities and helping patients/family/whānau navigate the healthcare system and may practise autonomously or collaboratively with other health professionals in various clinical settings.

3. Intensive Care Paramedic

This will be a closed endorsement, and applications for this endorsement will close 18 months after the date of the execution of this notice.

An Intensive Care Paramedic is a registered paramedic with an expanded scope of paramedic practice specialising in the care of the critically ill or the critically injured. An Intensive Care Paramedic has advanced knowledge and skills beyond that of a paramedic, with a focus on patients with high acuity and often life-threatening clinical conditions. This includes providing advanced airway management and medications and interventions, including (where necessary) invasive procedures below the gingival margin or the surface of the skin, mucous membranes or teeth, including during interfacility transfer. An intensive care paramedic may practise autonomously or collaboratively with other health professionals in various clinical settings. An Intensive Care Paramedic cannot provide drug assisted intubation also known as Rapid Sequence Intubation (RSI).

Prescribed Qualifications for Registration in the Paramedic Scope of Practice

Under section 12 of the HPCA Act Te Kaunihera has prescribed the following qualifications for registration in the Paramedic scope of practice:

Aotearoa | New Zealand qualified:

1. In accordance with section 12(2)(a) of the HPCA Act, a Bachelor of Health Science majoring in Paramedicine, conferred by an educational institution accredited by Te Kaunihera.

All applicants for registration as a Paramedic are also required to successfully complete a cultural safety education course set by an organisation approved by Te Kaunihera under section 12(2)(b).

Prescribed qualifications for Registration in a Specialist Practice Paramedic Endorsement

Under section 12 of the HPCA Act, Te Kaunihera has prescribed the following qualifications for registration in the Paramedic scope of practice with a specialist paramedic practice endorsement:

Pathway 1: ~~Auckland University of Technology~~ Qualification – Extended Care Paramedic and/or Critical Care Paramedic

Paramedics who are registered in Aotearoa New Zealand under the general paramedic scope of practice and who have completed an approved qualification can apply for a specialist paramedic practice endorsement as a Critical Care and/or Extended Care Paramedic with one or more of the following qualifications **from Te Wānanga Aronui o Tāmaki Makau Rau | Auckland University of Technology**:

- a.** Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science in Paramedicine – Extended Care Paramedicine (for Extended Care Paramedic endorsement) **from Te Wānanga Aronui O Tāmaki Makau Rau | Auckland University of Technology (AUT);**
- b.** Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science in Paramedicine – Critical Care Paramedicine (for Critical Care Paramedic endorsement) **from Te Wānanga Aronui O Tāmaki Makau Rau | Auckland University of Technology (AUT);**
- c.** Master of Health Practice in Paramedicine (MHPrac) with a transcript providing evidence of completion of the same papers required for the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science in Paramedicine – Critical Care Paramedicine (for Critical Care Paramedic endorsement) or Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science in Paramedicine – Extended Care Paramedicine (for Extended Care Paramedic endorsement) **from Te Wānanga Aronui O Tāmaki Makau Rau | Auckland University of Technology (AUT);**
- d.** Master of Health Science (MHSc) with a transcript providing evidence of completion of the same papers required for the Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science in Paramedicine – Critical Care Paramedicine (for Critical Care Paramedic endorsement) or Postgraduate Diploma in Health Science in Paramedicine – Extended Care Paramedicine (for Extended Care Paramedic endorsement) **from Te Wānanga Aronui O Tāmaki Makau Rau | Auckland University of Technology (AUT);**
- e.** **Postgraduate Diploma in Specialty Care (Paramedicine) (for ECP endorsement) from Whitireia**

Pathway 2: Grandparenting pathway Extended Care Paramedic and/or Critical Care Paramedic

This pathway to obtain a specialist paramedic practice endorsement as an Extended Care Paramedic or Critical Care Paramedic will only be open for 18 months from the date this Notice is executed.

Paramedics registered in the general paramedic scope of practice who have not completed an approved qualification, but have current practise experience in Aotearoa New Zealand as a Critical Care and/or Extended Care paramedic, and/or have other qualifications and can demonstrate training and experience relevant to a Critical Care and/or Extended Care endorsement may apply for a specialist endorsement under this pathway. The grandparenting pathway requires the following:

- a. The provision of a portfolio containing the following evidence:
 - i. a current authority to practise as an Extended Care Paramedic and/or Critical Care Paramedic, and/or evidence of their current role and skills performed including any standing orders; and
 - ii. support letters, particularly from current employer(s), confirming the period of time the Paramedic has practised as an Extended Care Paramedic and/or Critical Care Paramedic and that they have been assessed by a provider organisation (by way of an authority to practise process or similar assessment process) at an Extended Care Paramedic and/or Critical Care Paramedic practice level; and
 - iii. CV outlining relevant specialist qualifications, employment, knowledge, and experience; and
 - iv. any other relevant evidence relating to their practice as an Extended Care Paramedic and/or Critical Care Paramedic; and
- b. If, following an assessment of the portfolio, Te Kaunihera is not satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that the paramedic is competent to receive a Specialist Paramedic Practice endorsement, Te Kaunihera may require the applicant to successfully complete an Extended Care Paramedic and/or Critical Care Paramedic clinical assessment day through Auckland University of Technology or another provider approved by Te Kaunihera before considering the application further.

Pathway 3: Grandparenting pathway Intensive Care Paramedic

This pathway to obtain a specialist paramedic practice endorsement as an Intensive Care Paramedic will only be open for 18 months from the date this notice is executed.

Paramedics registered in the general paramedic scope of practice who have not completed an approved qualification, but have current practise experience in Aotearoa New Zealand as an Intensive Care Paramedic, and/or have other qualifications and can demonstrate training and experience relevant to an Intensive Care Paramedic endorsement may apply for a specialist endorsement under this pathway.

The grandparenting pathway requires one or both of the following qualifications:

- a. Postgraduate Certificate in Health Science in Resuscitation from the Auckland University of Technology; and/or
- b. Postgraduate Certificate in Specialty Care (Advanced Paramedic Practice) from Whitireia;

or

- a. The provision of a portfolio containing the following evidence:

- i. a current authority to practise as an Intensive Care Paramedic, and/or evidence of their current role and skills performed including any standing orders; and
 - ii. support letters, particularly from current employer(s), confirming the period of time the Paramedic has practised as an Intensive Care Paramedic and that they have been assessed by a provider organisation (by way of an authority to practise process or similar assessment process) at an Intensive Care Paramedic practice level; and
 - iii. CV outlining relevant specialist qualifications, employment, knowledge, and experience; and
 - iv. any other relevant evidence relating to practice as an Intensive Care Paramedic; and
- b. If, following an assessment of the portfolio, Te Kaunihera is not satisfied that there is sufficient evidence that the paramedic is competent to receive a Specialist Paramedic Practice endorsement, Te Kaunihera may require the applicant to successfully complete an Intensive Care Paramedic clinical assessment day through Auckland University of Technology or another provider approved by Te Kaunihera before considering the application further.

Applications for the closed Intensive Care Paramedic endorsement and the grandparenting pathway for prescribed qualifications for an endorsement as a specialist practice paramedic close 18 months from the date of the execution of this notice.