

## Offers to provide pharmacist or technician services

### Background

We are seeking to collate a list of registered community pharmacists, and technicians with level 5 certificate or above, for the purpose of providing workload relief cover to overstretched pharmacy teams.

The quantity of relief is expected to be in the order one pharmacist's and one technician's services for 3-5 days per pharmacy license. The length of the period applied for may depend on whether the pharmacy relief team is working alongside the existing pharmacy team, or replacing existing pharmacy team members for a time.

### Pharmacists and technicians offering to provide pharmacy services

We would like to collate a list of pharmacists and technicians who have some periods of availability up to, and including, Friday 18 December 2020, in the first instance. If you have availability up until end March 2021, please also let us know these dates.

If you are a pharmacist who has worked in community pharmacy for at least 3 years and hold either an APC expiry 31 March 2021, or a **current** EPC (emergency practising certificate) regardless of expiry date, you are eligible to offer assistance.

If you are a technician with a level 5 certificate or above, and at least 2 years technician experience, you are eligible to offer assistance.

Where a pharmacy employer requests we find a pharmacy relief team, we will endeavour to team up one pharmacist with one technician. This team can then be assigned (upon mutual agreement) to a pharmacy for up to five days (or other mutually agreed period).

Every effort will be made to assign a team in their home region, though some travel and overnight stays may be necessary. An overnight accommodation and food allowance of \$200.00 per night, per person will be reimbursed by the Fund to the employer. Significant travel will be organised and provided by the pharmacy employer and reimbursed by the Fund. Some flexibility will be greatly appreciated, but you will always have the option to decline in the event a particular request for your services is not acceptable to you.

An employment/services contract will be offered to you by the pharmacy employer. All employment negotiations are between you and the pharmacy employer. Council will not make any judgements or comments on the contract you are offered. An updated copy of your C.V. will be required; please identify any additional pharmacy services you are qualified to provide (for example, CPAMS, vaccinator, ECP, etc).

### Rates

The Fund will reimburse the pharmacy employer:

- for **pharmacist** services at a rate of \$50.00 per hour (plus GST, where applicable)
- for **technician** services at a rate of \$25.00 per hour (plus GST, where applicable)

These are the minimum rates Council expects to be stated in employment/services contracts provided by the employer. The pharmacy employer may, at their own discretion and cost, increase this rate.

We would greatly appreciate an early offer from you to provide relief, in order to establish the resources that are available. Please send us your offer form, with a current C.V., by Friday **16 October 2020** where at all possible, although, the final date for offers is Thursday 26 November 2020.

If you are interested in this unique opportunity to be part of supporting your community pharmacy colleagues, please send your form to [fund@pharmacycouncil.org.nz](mailto:fund@pharmacycouncil.org.nz).

Thank you  
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