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## Mission Statement

To train students as competent primary healthcare professionals who use traditional Chinese medicine to treat patients.

## Student Charter

### Student Rights

- To be treated with respect and dignity
- To be treated equally regardless of age, sex, race, culture or ethnic origin
- To be free from any form of harassment
- To access, and request the correction of, any readily retrievable information about the student held by the School
- To receive competent teaching of a well planned and coordinated course
- To have assessments returned with marking schedule within a set period
- To have access to necessary information and resources required for completion of the course
- To have access to student support services, including academic and personal counselling
- To participate in the regular evaluation of teaching and support services.

### Student Responsibilities

- To show respect and consideration for all the staff, students and other stakeholders of the School
- To show respect and consideration for all the people the student deals with at the School
- To respect the environment and property of the School
- To actively participate in the learning process and take responsibility for the student's own learning
- To abide by the rules and regulations governing the conduct of students
- To notify a staff member if the student's rights have been breached
- To deal with conflicts by following relevant procedures of the School
- To ask for assistance when needed.

## General Rules and Regulations

### Class Attendance

- Students are expected to attend all sessions, including blended learning, online and directed study on moodle, as scheduled for the academic year.
- Learning support as arranged by individual teachers is optional, but students are strongly encouraged to attend.
- Students are to attend only those classes they have enrolled in and are listed on their offer of place.

### Library

- Should library books not be returned or fines remain unpaid, documents/results/certificates will be withheld from the said student until remedied.

### Clothing and Property

- Students are expected to be appropriately dressed, and shoes must be worn at all times, while attending classes at the School and completing clinical experience or off-campus practice.

- The School accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to student's property arising from the use of the School's building and facilities. Lockers are available for secure storage of student's belongings/valuables.

### **Health and Safety**

- Students are required to take all reasonable steps during their time at the School to ensure their safety and the safety of others.
- Students are expected to familiarise themselves with the health and safety regulations of the School, and take part in evacuation exercises.
- While on off-campus learning activities, students are required to follow the health and safety regulations as directed by the staff responsible for the activities, including wearing appropriate clothing and footwear.

### **Smoking, Drinking and Use of Drugs**

- Smoking, consumption of alcohol and the use of illicit or prohibited drugs on the School premises are strictly forbidden.

### **Place of Residence**

- Students must notify the Student Support Executive of any change of personal details such as the addresses, phone numbers and emails, so that a list of current contact details can be maintained.

## Academic Dishonesty

Academic dishonesty means the student using someone else's work as his/her own work or allowing others to represent his/her work as their own. The acts of dishonesty relating to assessments include:

- plagiarism
- unauthorised collaboration
- examination misconduct.

A student found to have committed an act of academic dishonesty will be given the opportunity to explain. In view of the sensitive nature of the matter, any discussion between the teacher and the student concerned must be conducted away from the public's view.

If the teacher is satisfied that there is no act of academic dishonesty committed, then the student will be assessed in the same way as the other students. Otherwise, the teacher has the discretion to take any of the following actions:

- To return the assessment unmarked, or
- To allocate 0% to the assessment, or
- To re-assess the student under a controlled situation and using a different approach (eg. oral test instead of written)
- To re-assess by giving the student a new but similar assessment.

### **Copyright**

- Students are reminded that it is a serious offence to copy other people's published original works without their permission. Infringement of copyright may result in police prosecution.
- Students can copy extracts from a book or magazine article, but they need to make reference to the source if they use it in assignments.
- Students can copy a small part of a book for their own study, but are not allowed to copy a whole book.
- The law on copying is The Copyright Act 1994 with the amendment in 2011 of Copyright (Infringing File Sharing) Amendment Bill. For detailed information, please check [www.copyright.co.nz](http://www.copyright.co.nz).

### **Plagiarism**

Plagiarism is the student presenting someone else's ideas or work as his/her own, without acknowledging that he/she has done so.

Plagiarism includes, but not limited to:

- Direct copying of other people's work with no referencing. This work may be in writing or in electronic form
- Simply modifying text such as changing a few words
- Paraphrasing what someone else has written without referencing
- Fabricating, altering or borrowing the work of someone else with or without their permission to do so
- Submitting the same paper for more than one course or purpose, without the consent of all the teachers involved
- Using photographs, video or audio without permission or acknowledgement.

### **Unauthorised Collaboration**

Unauthorised collaboration is the student working with other people without identifying them and acknowledging their contribution to his/her work.

It is acceptable for students to collaborate in researching and discussing ideas, and in clarifying their thinking in relation to an individual assessment task. However, when the students do their assessment, they must use their own ideas and his/her own words. Students do not swap or pass on their written work to another by computer file, or share the task of writing and preparing a duplicated copy of computer file or written work.

Students can only submit assessments done by them. If it is a group assessment, they may with their teacher's permission complete the assessment task with another student or students. In all other cases, the assessment will be an individual assessment. Where individual work is required, it must not be written together with another student.

Once the students have written an assignment answer, they must take extreme care not to share their work with another student. If no other student has seen their work, no one can copy and present the work of others as his/her own.

### **Examination Misconduct**

Serious academic misconduct includes, but is not limited to, the following behaviours:

- Having someone else to sit an examination
- Talking with another student during an examination
- Cheating during an examination
- Submitting work that is not the student's own work
- Any use of unauthorised assistance during examinations
- Unauthorised use of notes or textbooks during an examination
- Any unreasonable disruption of an examination that causes distraction to other students sitting the examination.

## Standards of Behavior

The School is a professional education and training establishment, which provides for all-round development of students. It is a place where people from diverse social and cultural backgrounds meet to learn new skills. Mature and responsible behaviour is expected of students at all times.

The following constitute serious misconduct and may give rise to disciplinary action:

- Unauthorised possession of property, money or intellectual property, belonging to the School or staff and students of the School
- Physical violence against any person on the School's premises
- Racial, sexual, or other harassment of any staff or student
- Being on the School's premises in a state of intoxication (drugs or alcohol)
- Deliberate use of an authorised password in order to enter or attempt to enter a computer known to contain information to which the student is not entitled to have access
- Interfering with safety equipment or otherwise acting in a manner that threatens safety, health, or hygiene in or about the School's premises or in a manner that hinders the safe and proper performance of staff or students
- Persistent failure to achieve academic performance standards
- Persistent failure to achieve minimum attendance requirements
- Academic dishonesty
- Use of abusive, obscene or threatening language to any staff or student
- Acts of undesirable behaviour causing disruption to any staff from carrying out their duties or students from their learning
- Failure to comply with the School's policy on smoking or to observe safety rules
- Any act which is likely to diminish the good reputation of the School in the community
- Any other act or omission, which, while not specifically covered by the foregoing classes of misconduct, is of a similar nature.

# Class Attendance

## Requirements

1. Every student is required to be punctual and to attend all classes and course activities they have enrolled in, or notify the teacher or Administration Executive of any unavoidable absence
2. Online activity participation is expected and contributes to the student's attendance record
3. Specific minimum standards of attendance are set to meet both internal and external requirements. Students who have not met 80% of the attendance requirements will be deemed not to have completed course requirements. Absences caused by sickness, bereavement etc, will be accepted when supported by suitable evidence such as a doctor's certificate.
4. Students intending to take leave of absence for an extended period of more than two weeks must notify their teacher in writing (preferably by email). Such leave may be granted for reasons such as sickness, bereavement or serious family matters, without any change to the conditions of the students' enrolment
5. International students must comply with the minimum attendance requirements set by Immigration New Zealand.
6. Students intending to discontinue their course must notify the administration
7. Where a student has prolonged absence due to sickness, withdrawal from the current course may be advisable. Such cases should be referred to the Head(s) of Department(s).
8. Students are responsible for the topics covered in the class session(s) they missed.
9. Provisions 3 and 4 are to be observed in a manner that is consistent with the following stipulations:

- All practical and clinical courses require, at least, 80% attendance (regardless of whether absences are considered excused or unexcused).

- For practical courses:

Any student, who fails to meet this 80% requirement, shall be required to attend special sessions, if allowed by administrative and/or time constraints. Otherwise, said student shall be given an INCOMPLETE (INC) mark and shall be required to attend such extra sessions no later than the last day of the following semester. Failure to attend this (these) session(s) shall mean a FAIL (F) mark.

Fees are applicable.

- For clinical courses:

Successful course completion may still be considered by the clinic committee for a minimum attendance rate of up to 75% (regardless of whether absences are considered excused or unexcused). In this instance, a favourable decision is contingent on over-all clinical performance and satisfactory completion of other course requirements. The clinic committee has the authority to give an INCOMPLETE (INC) mark to those students who fail to meet the minimum attendance threshold, to extend their tour of clinical duty, and/or to require them to render clinical consultation and treatment to patients (note: required number of patients shall be specified by the clinic committee). Fees are applicable for extended tour(s) of duty.

- The following are classified as practical courses:

- \* TCMP-101: TCM Practical
- \* TCMP-102: TCM Practical
- \* TCMP-201: TCM Practical
- \* TCMP-202: TCM Practical
- \* BSC-TCMP-212: Musculoskeletal Assessment
- \* BSC-TCMP-301: Musculoskeletal Treatment
- \* BSC-TCMP-302: Tuina
- \* BSC-TCMT-402: Chinese Medical Specialties

- The following are classified as clinical courses:

- \* CLN-201: Clinic Assistant
- \* CLN-202: Clinic Assistant
- \* CLN-301 Student Clinic
- \* CLN-302 Student Clinic
- \* CLN 401 Student Clinic
- \* CLN-402 Student Clinic

## Academic Performance

The School expects students to apply themselves with diligence to their course work and to maintain high standards of achievement.

Lack of progress to meet minimum standards of achievement will be dealt with through suitable advice, information and assistance by teaching staff.

Persistent lack of progress to meet minimum standards of achievement may be dealt with through attendance of learning support sessions as well as all time-tabled sessions.

A student's enrolment may be cancelled because of continued lack of progress and/or failure to meet minimum standards of achievement.

## Missed and Failed Assessments

A student must satisfactorily complete the required assessment tasks each year to progress to the next level of learning.

If an examination or assessment is failed or missed, other scheduled times are offered at the end of semesters one and two. There are also scheduled alternative times offered to the students each year.

Arrangements can also be made by the student with his/her teacher to sit a missed or failed assessment.

Applications for taking these special assessments must be requested in writing, which must include the reason(s) for the request and the proposed special time for the assessment. These must then be submitted to administration no later than two (2) calendar weeks from the date the regular assessment was held.

There are two types of missed assessments:

- \* Missed assessments due to serious illness or injury, personal bereavement, critical personal circumstance involving wellbeing of family, legal issues, and/or other exceptional circumstance beyond the students control, provided that this (these) is (are) supported by documented evidence (from a registered health professional [in case of illness], certificate from professional therapist[s]/counselor[s] [in case of relationship problems], letter from solicitor [in case of legal issues], and/or a memorial service document [in case of bereavement of a relative]):

Special assessments resulting from these shall be marked without any penalty and shall be exempt from an administrative fee(s); and

- \* Missed assessments due to reasons other than those specified above:

An administrative fee of \$50 shall be charged for each special assessment stemming from this type of missed assessment; furthermore, a pass grade shall only be awarded if the mark gained is equal to or greater than the pass mark set for this special assessment, which shall be considered as the first resit.

Students are entitled to two (2) resits resulting from each failed assessment. A second resit may be taken if the candidate shall be unable to obtain the pass mark set by the first resit assessment and have achieved, at least, a 'D' mark or equivalent.

For both resits, a pass grade shall only be awarded if the mark gained is equal to or greater than the pass mark set for the special assessment.

There shall be no administrative fee for the first resit (with the exception of those special assessments resulting from unexcused missed assessment).

A fee of \$50 shall be charged for:

- \* Resit resulting from unexcused missed assessment; and

- \* Second resit.

For practical or clinical assessments, a fee of \$50 per hour shall be charged.

The \$50 fee shall be forfeited in those instances where a resit is missed without excuse supported by documented evidence (see above for list of acceptable justifications – par. 5). The student shall be required to pay \$50 to take the missed resit.

The fee has to be paid before the student can take the resit or special assessment.

## Extension of Submission Deadline

Assignment not handed in on time shall incur penalties unless there is reasonable excuse for late submission; reasonable excuse is defined in the school policies.

Student(s), who cannot comply with the submission deadline(s), shall be required to complete and submit a form: *Application for Extension of Submission Deadline* to his/her/their respective teacher(s); the decision of the teacher(s) concerned pertaining to the outcome of the application is final.

Penalties:

- In alpha grading system, late submission means one mark lower (ie., if assignment is an **A**, late submission earns it an **A-** if it is **B+**, late submission means **B**);
- Failure to submit by the agreed new deadline means no acceptance – the student gets an **F** and does not qualify for a resubmission.

The student is entitled to an appeal, in accordance to the appeal procedures outlined by the School.

## Aegrotat Pass

1. Aegrotats are not awarded on compassionate grounds alone. Students must have completed sufficient coursework to a standard where the head of department can state you are clearly worthy of a pass.
2. Aegrotats can be used only when a student's preparation or performance in an examination or assessment was impaired or when student has been prevented from attending an exam or completing an assessment because of
  - a. serious illness or injury
  - b. personal bereavement
  - c. critical personal circumstance involving wellbeing of family
  - d. other exceptional circumstance beyond the students control which occurred in the last three weeks
3. Applications for aegrotat pass must be lodged to the administration as soon as possible and within 14 calendar days from the assessment; applications must be addressed to the Academic Committee.
4. Documented evidence is required from a registered health professional (in case of illness), certificate from professional therapist(s)/counsellor(s) (in case of relationship problems), and/or a memorial service document (in case of bereavement of a relative); this must be attached to the application.
5. Aegrotat consideration is not available where results have been affected by impairment to a student's ability to learn the material for the course/s concerned. The aegrotat provisions are intended to assist students who have covered the work of a course but have been prevented by illness or other critical circumstances from demonstrating their mastery of the material or skills at the time of assessment.
6. Aegrotats cannot be applied for assignments and practical (including clinical) assessments; students can apply for postponement of practical assessments and extension of deadlines for assignments and reports.
7. In awarding Aegrotats, the overall performance of the student has to be taken into consideration including attendance.
8. Aegrotat is not the student's right but can be considered once student applies.
9. Once, approved, the student will receive a mark of "C" or equivalent for that assessment.

## Public Safety Policy

Students have no moral or ethical right to practise acupuncture or tuina independently without having first completed the course work and passed the final assessment of the professional examination assuring competency in this health domain.

No student is permitted to treat people with acupuncture or tuina on or off the School premises without supervision or permission from clinical staff or the School's administration. When permission is granted, it will



be in writing with terms and conditions clearly defined. Students are not permitted to accept a fee for their services, or to offer their services for a fee.

Students must sign and return the Public Safety Declaration form following the orientation. The consequences of ignoring this policy are immediate suspension from the School.

# Disciplinary Procedure

The following may constitute grounds for disciplinary action resulting in cancellation of a student's enrolment:

- wilful damage to property (including or facilities of the School)
- continuing disregard for the School's rules and regulations
- academic dishonesty
- any action at the School which is in breach of the New Zealand law
- continuing failure to meet minimum course requirements.

Formally cancelling a student's enrolment at the School should not be confused with asking a student to leave a class.

The power to enforce cancellation of enrolment is vested in the Executive Director. Any decision to cancel enrolment is based on consultation with the Head(s) of Department(s) and

- support staff for matters concerning student conduct and behaviour, and/or
- teachers for matters concerning non-achievement of academic requirements.

Cancelling a student's enrolment represents the ultimate sanction against a student. In considering such matters, the Executive Director wishes to ensure that:

- such matters should be resolved as quickly as possible
- every effort has been made to help the student overcome deficiencies and that there is documented and witnessed evidence that the student has been given every opportunity to remedy problem areas
- the student has been given every opportunity to be assisted by the various agencies within the School as appropriate
- all relevant evidence has been fully documented as it accumulates.

Accordingly, when it is necessary to consider disciplinary action, the procedure in prescribed order must be applied, and meetings held if necessary, until the matter is satisfactorily resolved.

## **Step 1**

The Head(s) of Department(s) or person with delegated authority discuss(es) the problem with the student concerned. It is important to clearly specify the changes in behaviour required, the assistance the student may receive to make those changes, the consequences of not changing that behaviour, and the date when progress will be reviewed.

The student's attention must be drawn to these regulations and to the disciplinary procedures being invoked. A letter will be prepared and signed by the student and the Head(s) of Department(s) or person with delegated authority, to confirm the discussion/outcome of the meeting. The student has the discretion to bring a support person to the meeting. A review date will be set.

## **Step 2**

At the review date, if the required changes in behaviour have occurred, the Head(s) of Department(s) or person with delegated authority issue(s) a letter to the student confirming a resolution has been achieved and the matter is drawn to a close. If the required changes in behaviour have not occurred, the Head(s) of Department(s) or person with delegated authority issue(s) the 1<sup>st</sup> warning letter of the consequences of continued failure to meet required standards. A 2<sup>nd</sup> review date will be set.

## **Step 3**

At that 2<sup>nd</sup> review date, if the required changes in behaviour have occurred, the Head(s) of Department(s) or person with delegated authority issue(s) a letter to the student confirming a resolution has been achieved and the matter is drawn to a close. If the required changes in behaviour have not occurred, the Head(s) of Department(s) or person with delegated authority issue(s) the 2<sup>nd</sup> warning letter, specifying the areas of unacceptable behaviour and set out the consequences of failure to meet required standards by a 3<sup>rd</sup> review date.

## **Step 4**

At the 3<sup>rd</sup> review date, if the required changes in behaviour have occurred, the Head(s) of Department(s) or person with delegated authority issue(s) a letter to the student confirming a resolution has been achieved and the matter is drawn to a close. If the required changes have not occurred, the student concerned will be interviewed by the Executive Director and this may lead to the cancellation of the student's enrolment.

## **Step 5**

If the student wishes to appeal against the Executive Director's decision, t may, within 5 working days of that decision, lodge an appeal with Executive Director.

### Step 6

The student will then be given 5 working days' notice in writing of the time, date and place of the meeting of a committee (which may comprise members of the Academic Committee) at which the appeal will be considered, together with copies of the relevant documents to be presented to that committee, to enable the student affected to have an opportunity to present written submissions or representations on his or her behalf.

- The Executive Director will present to the committee, the staff's case in respect of this student and supporting the cancellation of their enrolment
- The student will be given the opportunity to present their reply to the Executive Director's case either in person or through a "friend", who may be, but need not be, a legal adviser
- Members of the committee may ask either the Executive Director or the student whatever questions the members may consider appropriate
- The committee shall decide if the enrolment cancellation shall be upheld
- The decision of the committee on such matters shall be final.

### Step 7

If the student is not satisfied with the outcome, they can contact Quality Assurance Services of New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) on phone 0800 697296.

### Exceptions to The Procedures

Notwithstanding the summary of the foregoing procedures, the Executive Director shall have the right, in the event of a breach or breaches of discipline of sufficient gravity, to dispense with the procedures set out above and take immediate steps to formally cancel a student's enrolment.

# Grievance Procedure

Students have their rights as stipulated in the student charter. It is the intention of the School to provide a safe environment conducive to learning, as well as the communication channels that enable students' voices to be heard.

While support staff, Heads of Departments and the Executive Director have an open-door policy for students to see them and discuss issues of concern. Where students have issues of concern that they perceive as a high degree of seriousness, they have a right to invoke the following formal grievance procedure, and meetings held if necessary. If the concern is about academic assessment, please follow the assessment appeal procedure.

## **Step 1**

- Student meets with the Head(s) of Department(s) or person with delegated authority, if the problem is related to teaching and learning or non-academic issues. The student has the discretion to bring a support person to the meeting.
- The meeting will agree on an action plan and set a date in the near future to review the satisfactory execution of the plan. The action plan may include consultation with other parties, or conducting some investigations.

## **Step 2**

At the review date, if the agreed action plan has been executed to the student's satisfaction, the Head(s) of Department(s) or person with delegated authority issue(s) a letter to the student confirming a resolution has been achieved and the matter is drawn to a close. Or else, the Head(s) of Department(s) or person with delegated authority will put forward reasons for not meeting the goals of the agreed action plan. Both parties may then explore an alternative action plan and set a date for a 2<sup>nd</sup> review meeting.

## **Step 3**

- At that 2<sup>nd</sup> review date, the student will be given the opportunity to present their case either in person or through a "friend", who may be, but need not be, a legal adviser.
- If the required changes as stipulated in the agreed action plan have occurred, the Head(s) of Department(s) or person with delegated authority will prepare a summary report confirming the outcome of the meetings thus far. The report is to be signed by both the student and the Head(s) of Department(s), and a copy kept by each party.
- The Head(s) of Department(s) or person with delegated authority will keep the Executive Director informed.

## **Step 4**

If the student is not satisfied with the outcome, they can contact Quality Assurance Services of the New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) on 0800 69 72 96.

**NB:** *In considering matters of concern brought forward by a student, the Head(s) of Department(s) or person with delegated authority may wish to ensure that:*

- *such matters should be resolved as quickly as possible*
- *that every effort has been made to help the student address their concerns and that there is documented and witnessed evidence that the School has been given every opportunity to remedy problem areas*
- *the student has been given every opportunity to be assisted by the various agencies within the School as appropriate*
- *all relevant evidence has been fully documented as it accumulates*

# Assessment Appeal Procedure

Students have their rights as stipulated in the student charter. It is the intention of the School to provide a safe environment conducive to learning, as well as the communication channels that enable students' voices to be heard.

While teaching staff, Heads of Departments and the Executive Director have an open-door policy for students to see them and discuss issues of concern, it is important for students to be aware of their rights to invoke a formal assessment appeal procedure to deal with any concern they may have about their academic assessments. The concerns are, but not limited to:

- Assessment- type, appropriateness, relevance, clarity, degree of difficulty, time allocated, number of questions
- Marking- clarity of marking schedule, fairness and correctness in marking, relativity of mark allocations.

The procedure is to be fair and transparent, and meetings held if necessary, serving the best interest of the student's needs.

In considering an academic appeal by a student, teaching staff or the Head(s) of Department(s) may wish to ensure that:

- such matters should be resolved as quickly as possible
- that every effort has been made to help the student address their concerns and that there is documented and witnessed evidence that the School has been given every opportunity to remedy problem areas
- the student has been given every opportunity to be assisted by the various agencies within the School as appropriate
- all relevant evidence has been fully documented as it accumulates.

## Step 1

- Student meets with their teacher to discuss their academic assessment concerns. The student has the discretion to bring a support person to the meeting.
- The meeting will agree on an action plan and set a date in the near future to review the satisfactory execution of the plan. The action plan may include consultation with other parties, or conducting some investigations.

## Step 2

At the review date, if the agreed action plan has been executed to the student's satisfaction which may involve an adjustment to the assessment grades, then the Head(s) of Department(s) or person with delegated authority issue(s) a letter to the student confirming a resolution has been achieved and the matter is drawn to a close. Otherwise, the teacher will put forward reasons for not meeting the goals of the agreed action plan. The matter will then be referred to the Head(s) of Department(s) or person with delegated authority and a date for a 2<sup>nd</sup> review meeting will be set.

- At that 2<sup>nd</sup> review date, the student will be given the opportunity to present their case either in person or through a "friend", who may be, but need not be, a legal adviser.
- If an agreed action plan has occurred, the Head(s) of Department(s) or person with delegated authority will prepare a summary report confirming the outcome of the meetings thus far. The report is to be signed by both the student and the Head(s) of Department(s) or person with delegated authority, and a copy kept by each party.
- The Head(s) of Department(s) or person with delegated authority will keep the Executive Director informed.

## Step 3

If the student is not satisfied with the outcome, they can contact Quality Assurance Services of New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) on phone 0800 697296.

# Conditions of Enrolment

## 1. Payment of Tuition Fees

- 1.1 Tuition fees are paid at the time of enrolment. The payment of tuition fees is due in the period from the time of acceptance to the first day of the course. After that, a 10% penalty payment may be added for any outstanding fees.
- 1.2 Attendance at classes may be permitted if the student is waiting for a student loan.
- 1.3 The student's record of learning for awarding a qualification will be withheld if there are monies owing to the School.
- 1.4 The tuition fees do not include the following:
  - Additional private clinic placement costs
  - Hospital clinic placement costs
  - Clinical practice jacket and some equipment
  - Herbal medicine samples
  - ID cards
  - RPL or re-sit application fees.
- 1.5 No compensation is given for public holidays when the School is closed.
- 1.6 The School reserves the right to change its fees without notice, alter the programme or cancel courses that do not have a sufficient number of applicants

## 2. Cancellation and Refunds

- 2.1 In the event of the School cancelling a course before the student's course commences, due to reasons such as insufficient enrolment number, the School will refund all payments made for tuition and homestay, as well as the enrolment fee and airport pickup fee which are applicable to international students only. The School does not refund the homestay placement fee.
- 2.2 In the event of cancellation within 8 days of the course commencement for domestic students or 10 working days for international students, the School will refund:
  - For domestic students: all payments for tuition fee and enrolment fee, minus NZ\$500.00 or 10% of these fees, whichever is the lesser
  - For international students: less up to 25% of the fees paid, based on actual costs incurred. The School does not refund the homestay placement fee and airport pickup fee. The refund of the student's homestay fee will be calculated on a per-day basis.
- 2.3 The refund is paid back to the person or authority that paid the fees in the first place. If payment was made by means of:
  - student loan: the money goes back to Studylink
  - personal funds: the money is refunded to the student
  - trust account, the money is refunded to the trust
- 2.4 Fees from the refund are not transferable to other institutions or students.
- 2.5 After 8 days for domestic, or 10 working days for international students of the course commencement, the School will not refund any payments made for tuition, nor the registration fee, course material fee, homestay placement fee, airport pickup fee and travel/medical insurance (note: some fees are applicable to international students only). Specifically, no refunds will be made where:
  - *The student takes time off during their course, except under our holiday policy (below)*
  - *The student is asked to leave the School because of misbehaviour, poor attendance or a breach of general rules and regulations as detailed in the Student Handbook*
  - *The student leaves or wishes to transfer to another educational institution before completion of their course at the School*
- 2.6 All applications for refund must be made in writing. Decisions on refund after 8 days for domestic students or 10 working days for international students after the course commencement are at the discretion of the Executive Director.
- 2.7 No refund will be made if the student provides the School with false or misleading information or documents.

### **3. Holiday Policy**

- 3.1 The School is closed for all New Zealand public holidays.
- 3.2 A time-table showing class attendance times will be available to the student before the commencement of the programme.

### **4. Homestay Policy (for international students only)**

- 4.1 The School will endeavour to arrange and place students in appropriate homestay in accordance with the information provided by the student on the application form.
- 4.2 All students must pay two weeks' homestay fee in advance before moving in with a homestay family.
- 4.3 A new student will stay with the homestay arranged by the School for a minimum of 6 weeks. There is no refund if they move out before 6 weeks, unless they are qualified for a refund under the cancellation and refunds policy as above. If the student wishes to move out after 6 weeks, they must give the homestay two weeks' notice of their intention to leave. Such notice can be given after the first 4 weeks.
- 4.4 If the student changes their place of accommodation, they must advise the School of the new address and phone number.
- 4.5 Other conditions relating to homestay accommodation are in the homestay guideline of the Student Handbook.

### **5. Attendance Policy**

- 5.1 The student is expected to attend all sessions, and be on time. Poor and unexplained attendance may lead to disciplinary action from the School.
- 5.2 In all acupuncture practical technique courses and other designated courses, no absences are allowed. Where there is a required attendance, the student must make up missed classes.
- 5.3 International students must comply with the conditions of their permit to stay in New Zealand.

### **6. New Zealand Law (for international students only)**

- 6.1 The School reserves the right to expel any student who is convicted of breaking New Zealand laws.
- 6.2 Students must possess a valid New Zealand driver licence before they can drive legally on New Zealand roads.
- 6.3 Full details of visa and permit requirements, advice on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying, and reporting requirements are available through Immigration New Zealand, and can be viewed on their website at: <http://www.immigration.govt.nz>

### **7. Liability (for international students only)**

- 7.1 Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. If the student receives medical treatment during their visit, they may be liable for the full costs of that treatment. Full details on entitlements to publicly-funded health services are available through the Ministry of Health, and can be viewed on their website at: <http://www.moh.govt.nz>
- 7.2 The Accident Compensation Corporation provides accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents and temporary visitors to New Zealand, but the student may still be liable for all other medical and related costs. Further information can be viewed on the ACC website at <http://www.acc.co.nz>.
- 7.3 International students must have appropriate and current travel and medical insurance while studying in New Zealand.
- 7.4 The School cannot be held responsible for any sickness, injury, damage or loss incurred within the School or on the School's activities and tours, or in the student's place of accommodation. On the students' first day at the School, they will be asked to sign a form releasing the School from all liability.
- 7.5 The School shall not be liable if the services it states it offers cannot be provided for reasons beyond the School's control.

### **8. NZQA**

- 8.1 NZQA has removed the charge for the "hook-on" fee but the charge for reporting credits still remains.

### **9. Code of Practice (for international students only)**

- 9.1 NZSATCM has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of international Students published by the Ministry of Education. Copies of the Code are available on request from the School or from the New Zealand Ministry of Education website at: [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz)

### **10. Translation**

- 10.1 Where there is a difference in meaning or interpretation in any translations of the School's information or conditions, the School's version shall apply.

## Fees Protection

Students need to complete an application to set up a Public Trust account preferably during their first week with the School. The School arranges fee protection by lodging the fees with Public Trust. Fees protected by the Public Trust are held in the Public Trust's Common Funds which has a capital guarantee from the New Zealand Government.

The New Zealand Government requires that all New Zealand Qualifications Authority (NZQA) registered private training establishments (education providers) must protect all student fees paid to them in advance. This means that in the unlikely event of the education provider closing before the completion of the student's course, the remainder of the student fees will be protected. Fees protected within a Trust Account enables the student to have the choice to have remaining fees returned or have them paid directly to an alternative education provider.

For details of fee protection with Public Trust, please see: [www.publictrust.co.nz](http://www.publictrust.co.nz)

## Code of Practice for Pastoral Care

The Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of International Students is established under section 238F of the Education Act 1989. The code sets out the minimum standards of advice and care that are expected of educational providers with respect to international students. The Code applies to pastoral care and provision of information only, and not to academic standards.

### **CODE**

*The New Zealand School of Acupuncture & Traditional Chinese Medicine has agreed to observe and be bound by the Code of Practice for the Pastoral Care of international Students. Copies of the Code are available from the NZQA website at [www.nzqa.govt.nz](http://www.nzqa.govt.nz)*

### **IMMIGRATION**

*Full details of immigration requirements on rights to employment in New Zealand while studying, and reporting requirements are available from Immigration New Zealand, and can be viewed on their website at [www.immigration.govt.nz](http://www.immigration.govt.nz)*

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR HEALTH SERVICES**

*Most international students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand. If you receive medical treatment during your visit, you may be liable for the full cost of that treatment. Full details on entitlements to publicly funded health services are available through the Ministry of Health, and can be viewed on their website at [www.moh.govt.nz](http://www.moh.govt.nz)*

### **ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

*the Accident Compensation Corporation provides accident insurance for all New Zealand citizens, residents, and temporary visitors to New Zealand, but you may still be liable for all other medical and related costs. Further information can be viewed on the ACC website at [www.acc.co.nz](http://www.acc.co.nz)*

*If the student has concerns about their treatment by the educational provider or by an agent of the provider, the first thing they must do is contact the Head(s) of Department(s), Executive Director, or another person who has been identified to the student as someone that the student can approach about complaints. The Code requires all institutions to have fair and equitable internal grievance procedures for students and they need to go through these internal processes before they can take the complaint any further.*

**If the student changes place of accommodation, they must inform Administration/Student Support with the new address and phone number.**

If the student's concerns are not resolved by the internal grievance processes, they can write to

**International Education Appeal Authority  
Tribunals Unit  
Private Bag 32-001  
Panama Street, Wellington 6146**



## Summary of the Code of Practice

The Code as applied to international students sets standards for educational providers to ensure that:

- High professional standards are maintained
- The recruitment of international students is undertaken in an ethical and responsible manner
- Information supplied to international students is comprehensive, accurate, and up-to-date
- Students are provided with information prior to entering into any commitments
- Contractual dealings with international students are conducted in an ethical and responsible manner
- The particular needs of international students are recognized
- International students under the age of 18 are in safe accommodation
- All providers have fair and equitable internal procedures for the resolution of international student grievances

## Homestay Guidelines

Topic	Recommendation for Homestay Family and International Student
<b>Rent</b>	
<i>The amount</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NZ\$250.00 per week (estimate)</li> <li>• If student is away for a week or more, pay 50% of the homestay fee</li> </ul>
<i>What the rent covers</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accommodation (single or double room)</li> <li>• Two meals a day (including one cooked meal)</li> <li>• Seven days a week</li> </ul>
<i>Method of payment</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First payment when homestay arrangement commences is to cover the first six weeks (non-refundable)</li> <li>• Thereafter, two weeks of payment in advance (this is not a bond)</li> <li>• Cash, cheque or automatic payment</li> <li>• Each payment is recorded in a book &amp; signed by both student and homestay</li> </ul>
<b>Bedroom</b>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Basic furniture to include bed, study desk, chair, wardrobe and/or cupboard</li> <li>• Student is entitled to privacy &amp; uninterrupted study time</li> <li>• Student is responsible for tidiness of the room, including making own bed</li> </ul>
<b>Use of other areas of the house</b>	
<i>Lounge, kitchen, toilet &amp; bathroom</i>	Student is responsible for cleaning up & keeping the area clean after use
<i>Smoking</i>	No smoking inside the house
<i>Drug &amp; alcohol</i>	No drugs & alcohol permitted
<i>Pets</i>	No pets allowed unless consented to by homestay family
<b>Use of phone</b>	
<i>Time limit</i>	No more than 10 minutes per phone call. For longer calls, seek permission from homestay
<i>Phone bill</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free local calls</li> <li>• Toll calls to be recorded in a book</li> <li>• Toll+GST to be paid according to each bill</li> <li>• Collect toll calls not to be accepted unless agreed by the student</li> </ul>
<i>Taking messages</i>	To work both ways
<b>Visitors</b>	
<i>Family members &amp; friends of the student</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Allow visitors in student's own room or designated area, eg. 2nd lounge</li> <li>• Allow refreshment, ie. coffee or tea</li> <li>• Restrict noise level</li> <li>• Restrict length of visit unless homestay family is away</li> <li>• No overnight visitor without homestay family's consent</li> </ul>
<i>Parties</i>	No parties unless consented to by homestay family
<b>Household chores</b>	
<i>Washing</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leave washing in a laundry basket</li> <li>• Homestay to do washing for student once a week</li> <li>• Student does own ironing</li> </ul>

<i>Meals</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student prepares own breakfast</li> <li>• Student knows the time for dinner and will inform at least an hour beforehand if late or not eating</li> <li>• Student helps with washing &amp; drying dishes</li> <li>• Student prepares own meals when homestay family is away</li> </ul>
<b>Transport</b>	Student is responsible for own transport unless by arrangement with homestay family
<b>Termination</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two weeks of notice (non-negotiable) by student or homestay for terminating homestay arrangement</li> <li>• Student &amp; homestay to immediately inform the Administration Executive of change of accommodation</li> </ul>

<b>Others</b>	
<i>Coming home late or going away for holiday</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Inform homestay family in advance</li> </ul>
<i>Conflict resolution</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discuss with the Administration Executive</li> <li>• If necessary, mediation meeting arranged by the Administration Executive</li> </ul>
<i>Minimising problems</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accept students arranged through the School</li> <li>• Do not enter an arrangement of discounted homestay fees</li> <li>• Avoid making negative comments about other homestays and students</li> <li>• Act in good faith as a homestay provider of the School and keep the Administration Executive promptly informed of any matter of concern</li> </ul>

## Homestay Fee Payment

The School endeavours to arrange suitable homestay accommodation for new international students. To assist new students with settling in and learning about New Zealanders' way of life, they are expected to stay with the homestay family as arranged for a minimum of 6 weeks. This will enable the homestay family to establish a bond with the new students and provide the necessary assistance to the new students during the initial settling in period. The 6 weeks' homestay fee is non-refundable.

The Administration Executive is responsible for liaising with homestay families and keeping an up-to-date record of the students' current addresses and phone numbers.

Within a week of a new student's arrival, the Administration Executive arranges a suitable homestay for the student and informs the student accordingly. The Administration Executive confirms the fees remitted by the student into the account of the School by preparing a "homestay payment and refund" advice for the Accounts Executive, with homestay payment calculated on the basis of NZ\$250.00 per week.

Upon student's arrival, the Administration Executive arranges payment of homestay fee to the homestay family, based on the following:

- if there are sufficient funds, then the homestay is given a cheque to cover 6 weeks of homestay fee when student arrives. The balance of the homestay fee is refunded to the student as a cheque;
- if there are insufficient funds, then the homestay is given a cheque to cover the maximum number of weeks, and the balance for the remainder of the 6 weeks is paid by the student directly to the homestay;
- If there is no homestay fee received in advance by the School, then the new student pays 6 weeks of homestay fee directly to the homestay within the first week of the student's arrival.

## Alternative Accommodation

After the international student has stayed with the homestay family for the initial 6 weeks, they can continue to stay with the same family, or give 2 weeks' notice to move out.

From the experience of other students, there are definite advantages in living with a homestay family. Students can practise conversational English and learn about New Zealand culture and way of life.

The alternative accommodation arrangements are:

### **Hostel**

There are owner-operated hostels that can accommodate live-in residents who pay a weekly amount for a single room and the use of electricity. In some hostels, residents share the use of toilet and shower facilities. They prepare their own food in a common kitchen, and can interact with other residents in the TV room or games room.

### **Flatting**

This is a shared accommodation arrangement where the student either occupies a room in a house and shares with 2 or 3 flatmates, or rents a house with a few friends on a cost-sharing basis.

The accommodation cost per person is approximately NZ\$200.00 a week, depending on the location and condition of the house, number of bedrooms, how well furnished the house is, and the number of dwellers. Flatmates usually share the costs of electricity, food and household expenditure.

## Medical Insurance

International students are not entitled to publicly funded health services while in New Zealand unless they are a resident or citizen of Australia, or a national of the United Kingdom in New Zealand, or the holder of a temporary permit that is valid for two years or more. If the student does not belong to one of these categories and they receive medical treatment during their visit, they will be liable for the full costs of that treatment. The School cannot be held responsible for any sickness, injury, damage or loss incurred by the student within the School or on the School's activities or tours, or in their place of accommodation. Insurance is compulsory by law for all international students.

The School or its appointed agent can arrange travel/medical insurance for students prior to their arrival in New Zealand. This gives them insurance cover for their travel to New Zealand, the cost of medical treatment in New Zealand for the duration of their study at the School, as well as refund of the unexpired portion of the tuition fees in the unlikely event of the School not being able to carry out its tuition obligations.

For the School to arrange insurance on the student's behalf, the student is expected to remit sufficient amount to cover the first payment of their insurance premiums. The annual premium per insured person varies, and the School will advise the student prior to making the arrangement. Depending on their illness, their medical history and policy type, they may receive refund of all or most of their medical costs from the insurance organisation. For further information, visit [www.scti.co.nz](http://www.scti.co.nz)

## Driving in New Zealand

The road terrains and driving conditions in New Zealand may be quite different to what an international student is accustomed to. Students are therefore strongly urged to familiarise themselves with the New Zealand road code and take practical driving lessons in New Zealand before buying cars or driving on the road.

The student must be at least 16 years old before they can apply for a car driver licence. The licensing system has 3 stages: (1) Learner licence, (2) Restricted licence, (3) Full licence.

Driving without a licence is an offence. The penalty is a fine and/or demerit points. Their vehicle may also be impounded. If they have an accident, they may not be covered by insurance. They will also be forbidden to drive by the police until they obtain a driver licence. If they are caught driving unlicensed on another occasion, they will be fined again and the police may impound their vehicle for 28 days. They must carry their driver licence at all times when they drive.

The Land Transport Safety Authority has a copy of the road code on its website and it is free for the student to access. If the student owns a vehicle, they are strongly recommended to take up motor vehicle insurance.

The website is: [www.ltsa.govt.nz](http://www.ltsa.govt.nz)