



Putting Patients First:

Modernising health workforce regulation

The Government's priority is ensuring all New Zealanders have access to timely, quality healthcare. To achieve this, we want to improve the regulation of the health workforce.

Better regulation can help reduce workforce challenges so patients can receive the care they need. We want to put patients at the heart of the system.

The Ministry of Health has published a discussion document that considers some options for change. We want to know what New Zealanders think about the issues.

We are looking at four key areas:



Patient-centred regulation means faster wait times, better outcomes, and a system that truly puts patients first.



Streamlined regulation means using resources and administering the rules in the most cost-effective way possible, ensuring value for money for taxpayers and better outcomes for patients.



Right-sized regulation means that the level of regulation should depend on the level of risk to public safety involved.



Future-proofed regulation means modernised and adaptive regulation that ensures patients receive the care they need while supporting the workforce to respond to the needs of all New Zealanders.

We want to know what New Zealanders think about the issues and the options we've identified. **We want to hear from:**



Patients



The public



The health workforce



The organisations that are part of regulating the health workforce



Advocates and representative bodies



While submissions are open, you can provide feedback through the Ministry of Health's website:

consult.health.govt.nz

