

**POSITION DESCRIPTION**

**POSITION:** Clinical Assistant - Radiology

**RESPONSIBLE TO:** Radiology Operations Manager - Wairau

**Health New Zealand | Health NZ (Nelson Marlborough)**

**Our vision:** All people live well, get well, stay well. Kaiao te tini, ka ora te mano, ka noho ora te nuinga.

**Our mission:** Working with the people of our community to promote, encourage and enable their health, wellbeing and independence

**Our Values – Ā Mātou Uara:**

**Respect:** We care about, and will be responsive to, the needs of our diverse people, communities and staff.

**Innovation:** We will provide an environment where people can challenge current processes and generate new ways of working and learning.

**Teamwork:** We create an environment where teams flourish and connect across the organisation for the best possible outcome.

**Integrity:** We support an environment which expects openness and honesty in all our dealings and maintains the highest integrity at all times.

**PURPOSE OF POSITION**

To assist in the provision of a safe and efficient radiology service

RESPONSIBILITIES	EXPECTED OUTCOMES
<b>Departmental</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribute to the smooth running of the radiology department.</li> <li>• Assist the Medical Imaging Technologists (MIT) Sonographers and nurses in their day-to-day duties. Specific areas include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Collect and returning patients to wards and other departments as primary function.</li> <li>- assist in Radiology Rooms as required and under MIT direction</li> <li>- assist in the MIT/Nurse in the care and supervision of patients</li> <li>- linen replacement and stock taking as required</li> <li>- chaperone as required</li> <li>- cleaning as required.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• To assist the office staff whenever possible: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- scanning of request forms</li> <li>- reception duties</li> <li>- mail duties</li> <li>- entering request forms.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• To perform general manual and cleaning duties within the department as requested.</li> <li>• Is aware of and responsive to cultural needs of individuals.</li> <li>• Maintain a customer focus at all times.</li> </ul>
<b>Organisational</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contribute to the maintenance of harmonious interpersonal relationships with colleagues and other staff of the organisation.</li> <li>• Anticipates the predicted work flow each day and organises workload appropriately.</li> <li>• Uses initiative and actively seeks assistance when required.</li> <li>• Liaise with other clinical assistants to provide continual cover for the radiology department.</li> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>Personal Education and Professional Development</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Has a commitment to acquire and develop the appropriate skills to carry out the role of radiology clinical assistant.</li> <li>• Participate in annual performance review process including review of performance goals and identification of areas for professional development.</li> </ul>
<b>Quality Improvement</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pro-actively participate in quality improvement processes in your area of work.</li> <li>• Support our teams to, at all times, provide a high quality, customer oriented and focused service, which follows evidence-based practice.</li> </ul>
<b>General</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Obligations contained in Appendices 1 &amp; 2 are met.</li> <li>• Other duties as negotiated with your Manager.</li> </ul>

## PERSON SPECIFICATION

### **QUALIFICATIONS**

#### *Essential*

- Drivers license

### **EXPERIENCE**

- Experience and understanding of principles of continuous quality improvement
- Must be able to work well in a computer-based environment

#### *Desirable*

- Experience of working in a health care environment

### **KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS**

- Able to complete designated task to the required standard
- Proven ability to create effective working relationships
- Ability to meet expected time-frames
- Experience and understanding of principles of continuous quality improvement
- Able to prioritise work and to work unsupervised when needed
- Commitment to a customer focus
- Knowledge and empathy for bi-culturalism and practices in a manner which the patient determines is culturally safe
- Intermediate knowledge of Microsoft Office applications i.e.: Word and Outlook
- Keeps up to date with available information technology relevant to position
- Understands and complies with Health NZ (Nelson Marlborough) Information Technology policies

### **PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES**

- Able to communicate well with others
- To be tactful and sensitive in dealing with people and able to maintain confidentiality
- Sense of humour
- Physically fit
- Good communication skills
- Able to work with people who are physically or mentally ill
- Able to accept responsibility and follow instructions

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **General Responsibilities of an Employee of Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora (Nelson Marlborough)**

#### **1. Professional Responsibilities**

As an employee of Health NZ, you are required to:

- Maintain any qualifications, including registrations and practising certificates, required for legal and safe practice.
- Keep yourself up to date on knowledge, best practices and legislation relating to your work.
- Make a personal contribution towards effective and efficient working relationships within your team and with other Health NZ departments.
- Ensure you carry out your work in a way that is customer-focused and meets professional standards.
- In conjunction with your manager, identify your own training needs and plan to meet these needs.
- Manage your own time and prioritise your work effectively.

#### **2. Health, Safety and Wellbeing**

- Compliance with all health and safety legislative requirements.
- Compliance with the ACC Partnership Programme requirements.
- Compliance with all organisation-wide health and safety policies and procedures.
- Compliance with the Health and Safety Manual, any relevant chemical information and the emergency plan.
- Work is carried out in a healthy and safe manner and others are encouraged and assisted to work in the same way.
- Unsafe workplace conditions/practices (hazards) are identified, reported and mitigated/rectified early.
- Knowledge of identified hazards is kept up to date.
- Reportable event form is completed (via *Safety First*) for any accident or injury which has taken place at work, ensuring, in the case of injury, that your supervisor or manager is notified within 24 hours.
- Co-operation, support and promotion of occupational health and safety actions and initiatives in the workplace.

#### **3. Right to Raise Concerns**

- All employees of Health NZ are expected and encouraged to immediately ask questions, and raise any concerns/issues with their colleagues at their place of work, particularly if the care of a patient could potentially be compromised.
- All staff are expected to act professionally and to actively listen to the concerns or opinions of others being raised at the time.

#### **4. Child Wellbeing and Protection**

Health NZ is committed to identifying, supporting and protecting vulnerable children. The prevention of abuse and enhancing the wellbeing of children and their families aims to keep vulnerable children safe before they come to harm so they can thrive, achieve and belong. As an employee you are required to comply with all relevant legislation e.g. the Vulnerable Children Act 2014 and the Children, Young Persons and their Families Act 1989. You are also required to:

- Contribute to and support the organisation's strong commitment to a child centred approach to protect children across the region.
- Act at all times in the best interest of the children and young people, putting their interests first.
- Ensure collaborative working practices and recording and sharing of information to address abuse, suspected abuse or disclosure of abuse in a timely and appropriate fashion.

## **5. Legislation, Regulations and Board Policies**

You are required to be familiar with and adhere to the provisions of:

- All relevant acts and regulations
- All Board, hospital and department policies
- All relevant procedure manuals
- The “Employee Obligations” within Health NZ’s Disciplinary Policy.

## **6. Confidentiality**

You are required to:

- Adhere to the Privacy Act 1993, the Health Information Privacy Code 1994 and subsequent amendments in regard to the non-disclosure of information.
- Maintain strict confidentiality of patient, applicant and employee information at all times.

## **7. Risk Management**

You are required to:

- Support and promote actions and initiatives in your work area which enable risks to be identified and eliminated or reduced.
- Be especially aware of those risks which have high cost or safety implications.
- Complete an accident/incident report for any accident, incident or near miss which has taken place at work.
- Respond to complaints according to appropriate policies.

## **8. Security**

You are required to:

- Wear your identification badge at all times when on site or when carrying out official duties.
- Notify Human Resources of any changes required for your ID badge.
- Report any suspicious or unusual occurrence to the security officer, orderly or telephone operator.
- Complete an incident report for any incident which has or might have compromised the safety of staff, patients and visitors.

## **9. Treaty of Waitangi**

Health NZ is committed to its obligations under the Treaty of Waitangi. As an employee you are required to give effect to the principles of the Treaty of Waitangi: Partnership, Participation and Protection.

## **10. Smokefree**

Health NZ is a Smokefree Organisation. This applies to all staff and contractors working within Health NZ buildings, grounds and vehicles. Staff are required to comply with the policy and ensure all visitors, patients and others are informed of the policy. This also applies to Health NZ staff employed on Board business in the community.

## APPENDIX 2

The preferred candidate is required to complete a Pre-Employment Health Questionnaire. The table below outlines the tests to be carried out - depending on the nature of the position applied for.

<b>Condition</b>	<b>Information to include in Position Description</b>
TB Active	No person with active pulmonary or laryngeal tuberculosis (TB) is allowed to be at work in Health NZ
TB Latent	Staff who expect to have contact with patients or infectious materials must have assessment of previous TB exposure at the time of employment
BBV	No person who is susceptible to hepatitis B is allowed to have contact with patients or human materials (e.g., blood) unless they have taken part or agree to take part in a blood-borne virus education, prevention and vaccination program
MRSA	No person colonised or infected with methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> (MRSA) is allowed to work in clinical areas <sup>1</sup> New staff who will be working in clinical areas should be screened for MRSA if they have: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a chronic skin condition</li> <li>• been working in an overseas healthcare facility in the last year</li> <li>• been MRSA-positive in the last year</li> </ul>
Skin	No person with a skin condition that by virtue of its site and type could be an infection risk is allowed to have contact with patients, food, microbiology samples or sterile items
Measles/Rubella	No person who is susceptible to measles or rubella is allowed to have contact with pregnant women.
VZV	No person susceptible to varicella-zoster virus (chickenpox) is allowed to have contact with newborn babies or pregnant women
EPP	No person who has detectable hepatitis B e antigen or high levels of hepatitis B virus DNA in their serum is allowed to undertake or assist with exposure-prone surgical procedures <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Clinical areas include inpatient medical and surgical wards (includes Medical Units, AT&R Units, Surgical Wards, Paediatrics, Day Stay, Neonates and Women's Health). Screening does not apply to staff working in outpatient areas (e.g., clinics, Radiology, Respiratory Function lab) or in DSS, Mental Health or Drug and Alcohol services (transmission of MRSA is less likely and infection is rare in these sites.)

<sup>2</sup>Exposure-prone surgical procedure = a procedure where there is the potential for direct contact between the skin (usually finger or thumb) of the health care worker and sharp surgical instruments, needles, or sharp tissues (spicules of bone or teeth) in a blind or highly confined anatomic site such as a body cavity or in poorly visualised and/or confined body sites. Such sites include body cavities encountered during emergency and trauma procedures, abdominal, cardiothoracic, obstetric/gynaecological, orthopaedic and oral surgery.