

# Know the Difference

## Allied Veterinary Professional Regulatory Council or New Zealand Veterinary Nursing Association



**Allied Veterinary Professional  
Regulatory Council of New Zealand**



**NEW ZEALAND  
VETERINARY NURSING  
ASSOCIATION**

### Purpose

An independent charitable trust and voluntary regulatory body tasked with safeguarding animal welfare and the public interest by upholding and advancing the educational, ethical, and clinical standards of veterinary nurses, veterinary technicians, and allied animal healthcare practitioners.

Registration is currently voluntary but may become a statutory requirement with a change to the Veterinarians Act. This might involve joining with the veterinary Council of New Zealand.

A not-for-profit membership organization that protects, inspires and advances veterinary nurses, veterinary technologists and other allied veterinary professionals.

They act as the voice of veterinary nurses and veterinary technologists in Aotearoa New Zealand, and working together to make positive changes by offering professional leadership and support.

Led by veterinary nurses and allied veterinary professionals, membership is voluntary.

### Member Support and Standards of Practice

Maintains the Register of Veterinary Nurses and Allied Veterinary Professionals.

Establishes and maintains practicing and registration standards; including setting the Code of Conduct, scopes of practice, and standards for registration and fitness to practice.

Issues Annual Practicing Certificates.

Assists members to meet/exceed the required practicing and registration standards.

Provides employment advice, wage guidelines as well as wellbeing, health and safety support.

Representation on national and international boards, trusts, committees and working groups.

### Education

Establishes, reviews and advises on educational and professional standards for veterinary nurses, veterinary technicians/technologists, and allied animal healthcare practitioners. Assesses qualifications and programmes of study against minimum standards for entry to the register.

Communicates and consults with industry and stakeholders over regulatory matters and standards.

Collaborates with NZVNA on prevention and early intervention of individual veterinary nurses and technologists that they have received concerns about.

Publishes the *New Zealand Veterinary Nurse* journal.

Produces the NZVNA conferences, seminars, newsletters and scholarships to help members advance their careers.

Promotes continuing professional development (CPD) recording system.

Provides quality assurance of CPD to support members through our Accredited CPD program.

Connects members with colleagues nationally and internationally through their partnerships.

### Professional Practice

Sets and maintains standards for continuing professional development as part of fitness to practice.

Receives concerns about professional conduct of individual veterinary nurses and allied veterinary professionals.

Provides professional advice, and industry advocacy.

Can decline or remove membership if required.

Collaborates with AVPRC on prevention, early intervention and support strategies with our Vitae program.

### Further information

[www.avprc.org.nz](http://www.avprc.org.nz)

[www.nzvna.org.nz](http://www.nzvna.org.nz)