



# New Zealand Anaesthetic Technicians' Society

Dear NZATS Member,

The 2017 NZATS membership year is coming to an end, finishing at the end of May. You may renew your membership for the 2018 year any time now. If you wish to retain your membership benefits then you will need to renew your membership before September 1<sup>st</sup>. Not sure if you're current member? Jump online to the NZATS website and check out the current database. If you haven't been a member for a while, come on back, we'd be delighted to have you. A reminder that Trainees must be a member of NZATS to have their clinical hours counted.

Remember the role of the Medical Sciences Council is to protect the public from any harm; NZATS exists to act as a voice for all Trainee and Registered Anaesthetic Technicians to enhance our profession as well as advocate for its future. 2018 is proving to be an interesting year to be part of your professional society. Whilst our profession is highly regarded within the healthcare workforce, the potential opportunities from an increased Scope of Practice review have not yet come to fruition. NZATS will continue to explore avenues which represent your voice and that of our profession.

Your NZATS Executive representatives work tirelessly to protect your future role in healthcare and work voluntarily to benefit you.

As a member you will receive:

- A personalised membership certificate
- Education sessions, advertised on Facebook and further details on the NZATS website
- Access to NZATS members only information on our website as well as ongoing access to articles, research papers and conference presentations
- Advocacy and representation by the NZATS Executive team, who work with many professional groups to ensure Anaesthetic Technicians have a strong voice
- Discounts for attending NZATS run events including Training and Development Meetings, regional study days, and the annual NZATS Conference
- Regular newsletters packed with information including educational events, job adverts and industry information

All this for only \$100!

The renewal process is easy:

Please visit the NZATS website and click on the membership tab. Please refer to the Must-Read Information section which details the renewal process. Once payment is received into the NZATS bank account, your membership certificate and receipt will be generated and emailed to you. Please contact us if you have not received these within 7 working days of paying.

And don't forget that if you are a member of the PSA MECA, APEX Collective or NZNO agreement you can claim back this expense from your employer.... spread the word, tell your colleagues!

We value your membership and look forward to providing your continuing professional development needs for 2018 and beyond.

Kind regards  
Kirstin Fraser  
NZATS Incoming Chairperson