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SUPERVISION LEVELS FOR TRAINING ANAESTHETIC TECHNICIANS

Level 1: Supervision by a Registered Anaesthetic Technician (**Direct**):

- Trainees must be directly supervised by a registered anaesthetic technician at all times.

Level 2 – Supervision by a Registered Anaesthetic Technician (**Indirect**):

- A registered anaesthetic technician must be available to give immediate practical assistance/advice at any time to trainees who are in an anaesthetizing location.
- The registered anaesthetic technician must be conversant with the trainee's caseload and experience.
- The ratio of trainee to registered anaesthetic technician must not exceed 2:1 on each duty.

Level 3 Supervision

- The registered anaesthetic technician is available in the healthcare facility but is not exclusively available for a specific trainee.

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Guideline

Transition from Level 1 to Level 2 supervision for Trainee Anaesthetic Technicians enrolled in the Diploma of Applied Science (Anaesthetic Technology) Mandatory minimum requirements:-

For Trainees who have completed the Auckland University of Technology paper Anaesthesia 1:-

- A pass in the Anaesthesia 1 paper
- A minimum clinical training time of 460 hours
- An “in house” assessment of competency which must include a self-assessment and competent demonstration of the NZATS Level Two and Level Three anaesthetic machine check
- Verbal and written feedback is provided to the Trainee.

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For Trainees who have NOT completed the Auckland University of Technology paper Anaesthesia 1:-

- A minimum training time of 920 hours
- An “in house” assessment of competency which must include a self-assessment and competent demonstration of the NZATS Level Two and Level Three anaesthetic machine check.
- Verbal and written feedback is provided to the Trainee.

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- There must be evidence that the trainee has received formal lectures on
 - Infection Prevention and Control
 - Health and Safety in the work place
 - Principles of anaesthesia (basic drug and equipment information)



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Transition from level 1 to 2 supervision for Registered Nurses enrolled in the Graduate Certificate of Anaesthesia Technology who has relevant previous clinical experience (a minimum of 1 year's recent experience in intensive care, PACU, operating rooms or surgical nursing)

- Determining the transition through all levels of supervision is the responsibility of the accredited training hospital. There is no minimum time period at which the R/N (“trainee AT”) may progress to a higher supervision level.
- An “in house” assessment of competency which must include a self-assessment and competent demonstration of the NZATS Level Two and Level Three anaesthetic machine check.
- There must be verbal and written feedback provided to the trainee.



SUPERVISION LEVELS FOR WORK BASED ASSESSMENTS(WBA)

- The council must ensure all practitioners applying to be registered as an anaesthetic technician are competent and fit to practise in that scope of practice.
- Prior to undertaking a WBA, practitioners are required to work under direct supervision of a nominated anaesthetic technician who holds a current practising certificate.
- The period of supervision will be for a specified period of time at the end of which it is expected that the practitioner will undergo a WBA. In 2016 a WBA will incur a charge to cover costs.



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