

## **Emergency Management Standard**

The Medical Sciences Council wishes to clarify the situation regarding the emergency management knowledge requirements set out in the standard 5.5a of the Competence Standards for Anaesthetic Technicians in Aotearoa New Zealand (revised June 2018).

The emergency management standard set for Anaesthetic Technicians is the New Zealand Resuscitation Council (NZRC) Rescuer framework, Core Immediate.

However, the Council is aware that currently not all trainees or Qualified Anaesthetic Technicians will have access to the NZRC framework within their workplace but may have an equivalent course of instruction.

Therefore, the Council has agreed to allow workplaces two years to put together a plan so that all Anaesthetic Technicians will meet the NZRC Core Immediate competency. Until the end of 2020, Anaesthetic Technician trainees will need to be able to demonstrate they have completed the NZRC CORE Immediate or equivalent training prior to sitting the NZATS registration examination. From 2021 onwards, the Council expects all Anaesthetic Technicians to have completed at a minimum NZRC Core immediate training.