

Position Description | Te whakaturanga ō mahi Health New Zealand | Te Whatu Ora

Title	Anaesthetic Technician RNAA Team Leader
Reports to	Charge Anaesthetic Technician Department of Anaesthesia
Location	Health New Zealand, Waitaha Canterbury
Department	Anaesthetic Technician Department
Date	April 2026
Salary band (indicative)*	Allied Health Designated Salary Scale Grade B 1 – 3. NZNO Senior Designated Nurses Grade 1 Steps 1 – 2.

The Health System in Aotearoa is entering a period of transformation as we implement the Pae Ora/Healthy Futures vision of a reformed system where people live longer in good health, have improved quality of life, and there is equity between all groups.

We want to build a healthcare system that works collectively and cohesively around a shared set of values and a culture that enables everyone to bring their best to work and feel proud when they go home to their whānau, friends and community. The reforms are expected to achieve five system shifts. These are:

1. The health system will reinforce Te Tiriti principles and obligations.
2. All people will be able to access a comprehensive range of support in their local communities to help them stay well.
3. Everyone will have equal access to high quality emergency and specialist care when they need it.
4. Digital services will provide more people the care they need in their homes and communities.
5. Health and care workers will be valued and well-trained for the future health system.

Te Mauri o Rongo – The New Zealand Health Charter

The foundation for how we ensure our people are empowered, safe and supported while working to deliver a successful healthcare system, is Te Mauri o Rongo – the New Zealand Health Charter. It guides all of us as we work towards a healthcare system that is more responsive to the needs of, and accessible to all people in Aotearoa New Zealand.

It applies to everyone in our organisation and sits alongside our code of conduct as our guiding document.

Te Mauri o Rongo consists of four pou (pillars) within it, including:

Wairuatanga – working with heart, the strong sense of purpose and commitment to service that health workers bring to their mahi.

Rangatiratanga – as organisations we support our people to lead. We will know our people; we will grow those around us and be accountable with them in contributing to Pae Ora for all.

Whanaungatanga – we are a team, and together a team of teams. Regardless of our role, we work together for a common purpose. We look out for each other and keep each other safe.

Te Korowai Āhuru – a cloak which seeks to provide safety and comfort to the workforce.

These values underpin how we relate to each other as we serve our whānau and communities.

Together we will do this by:

- caring for the people
- recognising, supporting and valuing our people and the work we all do
- working together to design and deliver services, and
- defining the competencies and behaviours we expect from everyone.

About the role

The primary purpose of the role is to:

In collaboration with the Charge Technician and other Anaesthetic Technician Clinical Coordinators, collectively coordinate and deliver the Anaesthetic Technician service on a daily basis.

Key Result Area	Expected Outcomes / Performance Indicators
Clinical Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide leadership and education to the team of Anaesthetic Technicians • Assist the Charge Anaesthetic Technician with the day to day operation of the service • Has an ongoing commitment to continuous quality improvement in the delivery of Anaesthetic Technician services • Participates in the role of leading the Anaesthetic Team on a daily basis • Jointly responsible for staff development, education, duty rostering, daily allocation of staff and providing the required on call services. • Responsible for team members' performance appraisals • Responsible for ensuring that team members adhere to the Health NZ policies and procedures. • Fulfils their individual 'Portfolio' requirements.
Clinical Expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue providing in a professional manner skilled clinical and technical assistance to the anaesthetist.
To maintain professional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for own professional development, ensuring APC requirements are met.

<p>development (self and others)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides coaching and mentoring of staff and is involved in the precepting or trainees and students. • Ensures compliance with Health New Zealand Waitaha Canterbury professional requirements. • Models clinical and professional competencies at a level of an experienced practitioner. • Maintain a current knowledge of relevant issues, trends and practices in operating rooms and anaesthesia services. • Participates in education and planning processes. • Maintain and/or extend knowledge and skill base required for effective performance. • Participate in own annual performance review. • Promote effective teamwork and collaborative relationships within the multi-disciplinary team and across health care settings to achieve best health outcomes.
<p>Continuous Quality Improvement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contributes to and participates in clinical policy development. • Demonstrates commitment to quality improvements, risk management and resource utilisation, within the area of supportive anaesthetic and perioperative clinical practice. • Participates in clinical audit processes and evaluates the effectiveness, efficiency and safety of technical support within the area of clinical speciality practice. • Acts to identify and minimise organisational risk. • Actively contributes to evidence-based practice as required by the regulatory authority and clinical effectiveness within service. • Supports/contributes to the research activities of Health NZ Waitaha Canterbury where able. • Facilitates/contributes to the trial of new equipment and procedures.
<p>Te Tiriti o Waitangi</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remains focused on the pursuit of Māori health gain as well as achieving equitable health outcomes for Māori. • Supports tangata whenua- and mana whenua-led change to deliver mana motuhake and Māori self-determination in the design, delivery and monitoring of health care. • Actively supports kaimahi Māori by improving attraction, recruitment, retention, development, and leadership.
<p>Equity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commits to helping all people achieve equitable health outcomes. • Shows a willingness to personally take a stand for equity. • Supports Māori-led and Pacific-led responses.
<p>Culture and People Leadership</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leads, nurtures and develops our team to make them feel valued. • Prioritises developing individuals and the team so Health New Zealand has enough of the right skills for the future, supporting diversity of leadership to develop – Māori, Pacific, people with disabilities and others.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides leadership that shows commitment, urgency and is visibly open, clear, and innovative whilst building mutually beneficial partnerships with various stakeholders both internally and externally. • Implements and maintains People & Culture strategies and processes that support provide an environment where employee experience, development, and performance management drive achievement of the organisation’s strategic and business goals. • Ensures Business Unit culture develops in line with expectations outlined in Te Mauri o Rongo, ensuring unification of diverse teams whilst simultaneously supporting local cultures to be retained & strengthened.
Innovation & Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is open to new ideas and create a culture where individuals at all levels bring their ideas on how to ‘do it better’ to the table. • Models an agile approach – tries new approaches, learns quickly, adapts fast. • Develops and maintains appropriate external networks to support current knowledge of leading practices.
Collaboration and Relationship Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Models good team player behaviour, working with colleagues to not allow silo thinking and behaviour at decision making level to get in the way of doing our best and collegially supports others to do the same. • Works with peers in Hauora Māori Service and Pacific Health Business Unit to ensure the voice of and direct aspirations of Māori and Pacific People are reflected in planning and delivery of services.
Health & safety	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exercises leadership and due diligence in Health and Safety matters and ensures the successful implementation of Health and Safety strategy and initiatives. • Takes all reasonably practicable steps to eliminate and mitigate risks and hazards in the workplace that could cause harm, placing employee, contractor and others’ health, safety, and wellbeing centrally, alongside high-quality patient outcomes. • Leads, champions, and promotes continual improvement in health and wellbeing to create a healthy and safe culture.
Compliance and Risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takes responsibility to ensure appropriate risk reporting, management and mitigation activities are in place. • Ensures compliance with all relevant statutory, safety and regulatory requirements applicable to the Business Unit. • Understands, and operates within, the financial & operational delegations of their role, ensuring peers and team members are also similarly aware.

Matters which must be referred to the Charge Anaesthetic Technician

- Operational issues
- Performance or competence concerns
- Situations that place patients, staff or yourself at significant risk without support
- Professional issues
- Clinical standards failure

- Competence concerns
- Workforce issues
- Fitness to practice issues
- Health & Safety concern

Relationships

External	Internal
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Technical Services - Electronics, Engineers • Other Departments 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charge Anaesthetic Technician, Team Leaders and Anaesthetic Technicians • Anaesthetists • Periop Nurse Manager/ Theatre Nursing Coordinator • Theatre Team members – Surgeons, PACU, Operating Dept Assistants, Nursing staff • Other multi-disciplinary team members involved with the care and management of patients in the peri-operative service • Clinical Engineering Dept • Service manager for Anaesthesia • Clerical and Administrative Staff •

About you – to succeed in this role

You will have

Essential:

- A relevant graduate qualification.
- Experience in implementing Te Tiriti o Waitangi in action.
- Anaesthetic Technician/ RNAA or relevant international qualification
- Registration as an Anaesthetic Technician by the Medical Sciences Council of New Zealand, or, registered nurse having completed a recognised vocational pathway to practice is an RNAA.
- Current Annual Practising Certificate, with no limiting conditions to practice.
- A minimum of three years clinical experience in a related field.
- Wide experience and knowledge of Anaesthetic practices

Desired:

- Experience in implementing Te Tiriti o Waitangi in action.
- Have proven leadership skills.

You will be able to

Essential:

- Demonstrate an understanding of the significance of and obligations under Te Tiriti o Waitangi, including how to apply Te Tiriti principles in a meaningful way in your role.
- With the support of Health NZ, proactively take care of your own health and safety, to ensure a safe and supportive work environment.
- Maximise the quality and contributions of individuals and teams to achieve the organisation's vision, purpose and goals.
- Establish and maintain positive working relationships with people at all levels within the public and private sectors, related industry and community interest groups and the wider national and international communities.
- Demonstrate a strong drive to deliver and take personal responsibility.
- Demonstrate self-awareness of your impact on people and invests in your own leadership practice to continuously grow and improve.
- Demonstrate the highest standards of personal, professional and institutional behaviour through commitment, loyalty and integrity.

Desired:

- Have demonstrated acceptable knowledge and management / leadership skills in regard to the provision of anaesthetic technician service.
- Have good verbal, written and interpersonal communication skills.
- Demonstrates accountability for their practice
- Demonstrate a commitment to providing a quality service.
- Ability to 'work smarter' by being innovative and proactive

This position description is intended as an insight to the main tasks and responsibilities required in the role and is not intended to be exhaustive. It may be subject to change, in consultation with the job holder.

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