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Tēnā koe

Voluntary Bonding Scheme 2024 Intake – Sonographers

The Voluntary Bonding Scheme (the Scheme) is a practical initiative run by Te Whatu Ora to encourage newly qualified health professionals to work in the communities and specialties that need them most, and to retain essential health professionals throughout Aotearoa New Zealand. Those on the scheme can receive payments to help repay their student loan (or as top-up income for those without a loan).

If you are a new-graduate sonographer:

- whose final year of study towards your postgraduate diploma in Health Science in Ultrasound was 2023, **and**
- you intend to work at 0.6FTE or more for **a public sector employer** for at least three and up to five years, you may be eligible to register for the 2024 Intake of the Scheme.

If your registration is accepted and you meet the terms and conditions, a **bond payment of \$11,796 (after tax) is available** after the completion of a minimum of three years' service, and up to two **additional payments of \$3,932** after a fourth year and fifth year.

The six-week Registration of Interest period for the Scheme's 2024 Intake **is anticipated to open in February 2024**. Registration will be via an online web-form available [on the Te Whatu Ora website](#).

For more information, and to register, please [visit our website](#).

Please note that registrations for the 2024 Intake must be received within the 6-week Registration of Interest period – late registrations cannot be considered.

Ngā mihi



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