

# **CODE OF ETHICS OF THE NEW ZEALAND QIGONG AND TRADITIONAL CHINESE MEDICINE ASSOCIATION INCORPORATED**

## **1. Uphold Professional Standards**

New Zealand Qigong and Traditional Chinese Medicine Association members will always:

- Act with integrity, maintain professionalism, and operate within the laws of New Zealand
- Maintain a high level of competence through qualification, and undertaking continuing professional development
- Operate within their level and scope of practice
- Respect the rights and dignity of every client/participant regardless of gender, age, disability, ethnicity, sexual orientation, religious or political affiliation, or any other legally prohibited grounds of discrimination
- Ensure any physical contact is appropriate and is carried out with the participant's full consent
- Inform participants clearly of any financial costs related to the activity or treatment
- Discuss with parents/guardians the activity or treatment to be provided to minors under the age of 16
- Refer on to another allied professional or specialist when appropriate

## **2. Maintain Safety**

New Zealand Qigong and Traditional Chinese Medicine Association members will:

- Prioritise the health and safety of clients/participants, including meeting all obligations under the Health and Safety at Work Act 2015
- Ensure that every client/participant has been appropriately pre-screened
- Identify and respect the physical limits and ability of participants

## **3. Appropriate Relationships**

New Zealand Qigong and Traditional Chinese Medicine Association members will:

- Not engage in any form of unwanted intimate or sexual contact with a client/participant, including the use of innuendo, or gestures
- Regardless of any relationship status with a client/participant, ensure that professional standards are maintained when providing services

## **4. Respect Privacy**

To protect the privacy of clients/participants, New Zealand Qigong and Traditional Chinese Medicine Association members will:

- Safeguard confidential information relating to clients/participants
- Only disclose information to other persons/ organisations that is necessary, and with the explicit permission of the client/participant

## 5. General Professionalism

New Zealand Qigong and Traditional Chinese Medicine Association members must never:

- Do anything that brings themselves, another practitioner, or the profession as a whole into disrepute. They will ensure when making any comment (public or otherwise) to be clear that they are making a personal comment, and their view may not necessarily be the opinion of the profession/industry.
- Make any claim that is deceptive, derogatory, or that cannot be substantiated

### Member Declaration:

I \_\_\_\_\_ agree to abide by and uphold the attached code of ethics of the New Zealand Qigong and Traditional Chinese Medicine Association.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_