



HASANZ in 2024: a brief summary of our achievements

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HASANZ was fortunate to be part of the team that initiated the New Zealand Journal of Health and Safety Practice. Its creation forms part of the wider health and safety landscape that supports all the health and safety disciplines across New Zealand, providing open and free access to peer-reviewed resources. Access to the journal means that all our members, from students to seasoned professionals, have a resource that informs and supports health and safety improvements across the country, ultimately leading to better outcomes for people and the organisations they work for.

Our history

The Royal Commission on the Pike River Coal Mine Tragedy (2012a, 2012b) and Independent Taskforce on Workplace Health and Safety (Jager et al., 2013) gave recommendations about the lack of coordination and consistency among the health and safety disciplines in New Zealand. These led to the establishment of the Health and Safety Association of New Zealand (HASANZ) with this year marking a decade of operations.

As part of its work the Independent Task Force identified that there was no clear framework for the training, accreditation, and competency of health and safety advisers and that this contributed to the poor health and safety performance of the country. This led to the formation of HASANZ as an “association of associations” and establishment of the HASANZ Register of qualified and experienced health and safety practitioners. The Register sets standards and codes of ethics for the member professions and provides guidance and resources for employers and workers who need health and safety advice. Individuals who are members of the 12 organisations that are full members can apply to be listed on the HASANZ register. To be admitted to the register an applicant must meet criteria for qualifications, experience and professional indemnity insurance.

An association of associations

HASANZ is an association of associations with 12 full members and four associate members.

- Engineering New Zealand Te Ao Rangahau (ENZ)
- Faculty of Asbestos Management of Australia & New Zealand Limited (FAMANZ)
- Hazardous Substances Professionals New Zealand (HSPNZ)
- Human Factors and Ergonomics Society of New Zealand (HFESNZ)
- Institute of Organisational Psychology (IOP)
- New Zealand Institute of Safety Management
- NZ Occupational Health Nurses Association (NZOHNA)
- NZ Occupational Hygiene Society (NZOHS)
- New Zealand Safety Council (NZSC)
- Occupational Therapy New Zealand Whakaora Ngangahau Aotearoa (OTNZ - WNA)
- Physiotherapy New Zealand (Occupational Health Physiotherapy Group) (PNZ)
- The Australasian Faculty of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (AFOEM) of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)

HASANZ associate members are:

- Australian/New Zealand Society of Occupational Medicine (ANZSOM)
- Human Resources New Zealand (HRNZ)
- Maintenance Engineering Society of New Zealand (MESNZ)
- NZ Institute of Hazardous Substances Management (NZIHSM)

The future

HASANZ hopes its work will continue to enhance the credibility and visibility of the health and safety sector and create a safer and healthier working environment for all New Zealanders.

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