

For all Reiki Practitioners (Unregistered Health Care Workers)

The Governments of Australia have through the COAG Health Council (CHC) and its advisory body, the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council (AHMAC), set in place a code-regulation regime called 'A National Code of Conduct for health care workers' which applies to all health care workers who are not registered under the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme for health practitioners and to registered health care workers who offer health services not covered by their registration.

The following important information with regards to the 'National Code of Conduct for health care workers' does impact all Reiki Practitioners who provide Reiki to the Public regardless of whether they are Members of The Reiki Association of Australia Inc. and or any other Reiki Association and or lineage

Please note: The National Code of Conduct for health care workers does not originate with the RAA (The Reiki Association of Australia Inc) - **it is Government Regulation.**

The National Code of Conduct

The purpose of the National Code of Conduct, also referred to as the National Code or code-regulation regime, is to protect the public by setting minimum standards of conduct and practice for all unregistered health care workers who provide a health service. It will set national standards against which disciplinary action can be taken and if necessary a prohibition order issued, in circumstances where a health care worker's continued practice presents a serious risk to public health and safety.

The vast majority of health care workers practice in a safe, competent and ethical manner. However there is a small proportion who presents a serious risk to the public because they are incompetent or impaired, or engage in exploitative, predatory or illegal conduct such that if they were a registered health practitioner, their registration would be cancelled and their right to practice withdrawn.

<http://www.coaghealthcouncil.gov.au/NationalCodeOfConductForHealthCareWorkers>

Recently VIC has enacted a National Code of Conduct, whereas S.A, QLD & N.S.W already had an existing Code of Conduct for unregistered Health workers to adhere by. Work is in progress in TAS, WA and the NT & ACT to legislate National Code of Conduct.

Therefore the RAA (The Reiki Association Inc.) ask that all existing members please adhere to this new legislation and therefore read through the information and download the 'Code of Conduct' for the relevant State/Territory in which you are located and associated materials. You are required to adhere to these codes in your practice/business.

All practitioners need to understand & display the 'Code of Conduct' and relevant complaints contact information in there practice room.

Please note: For the States & Territories that do not have an enacted 'Code of Conduct' in place please follow the National Code of Conduct of Victoria to remain a part of RAA (The Reiki Association Inc.)

The National Codes of Conduct need to be absorbed into your practice as soon as possible.

This fabulous 'Reiki Benefits' article was discovered at www.mindbodyandspiritwellness.com

The VIC, N.S.W, S.A, QLD 'Code of Conduct's' are available for you to download and print out for your practice room at any time .

We have also provided a link of the Complaints Commissioner details for your relevant State and or Territory.

Relevant Links for you information:

Please open this link and read to give you an general overview of the National Code of Conduct:
National Code of Conduct FAQ 2015 (All links available at Reiki Association of Australia Inc.)

VIC - Code of Conduct (since February 2017)

https://hcc.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/code_of_conduct_full_text_a3_poster.pdf

N.S.W - Code of Conduct (Since August 2008)

<http://www.hccc.nsw.gov.au/ArticleDocuments/69/Code%20of%20Conduct%202012.pdf.aspx>

QLD - Code of Conduct (July 2014 /October 2015)

https://www.health.qld.gov.au/__data/assets/pdf_file/0026/443933/poster-national-code-of-conduct-qld.pdf

S.A - Code of Conduct (March 2013)

http://www.hcsc.sa.gov.au/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/h_Plain-English-Version-Code-of-Conduct.pdf

Australian Complaints Entities Contact Details

<http://www.reiki-association.com.au>

MANDATORY OBLIGATIONS

Please see Summary Poster of Code of Conduct Mandatory Obligations

https://hcc.vic.gov.au/sites/default/files/code_of_conduct_a4_summary_poster.pdf

What is the National Code of Conduct ?

Clause 1: Health care worker to provide services in a safe and ethical manner

Clause 2: Health care workers to obtain consent

Clause 3: Appropriate conduct in relation to treatment advice

Clause 4: Health care workers to report concerns about treatment or care provided by other health care workers

Clause 5: Health care workers to take appropriate action in response to adverse events

Clause 6: Health care workers to adopt standard precautions for infection control

Clause 7: Health care workers diagnosed with infectious medical conditions

Clause 8: Health care workers not to make claims to cure certain serious illnesses

Clause 9: Health care workers not to misinform their clients

Clause 10: Health care workers not to practice under the influence of alcohol or drugs

Clause 11: Health care workers with certain mental or physical impairment

Clause 12: Health care workers not to financially exploit clients

Clause 13: Health care workers not to engage in sexual misconduct

Clause 14: Health care workers to comply with relevant privacy laws

Clause 15: Health care workers to keep appropriate insurance

Clause 16: Health care workers to be covered by appropriate insurance

Clause 17: Health care workers to display code and other information

Summary of Changes: You need to have

INSURANCE - Public and Personal Indemnity Insurance - all RAA (The Reiki Association of Australia Inc.) members can apply for insurance with an insurance broker. We at the RAA are affiliated Arthur J Gallagher if you do not have insurance cover already. Tel: 1800 222 012 or email: specialtyrisks@ajg.com.au or <https://ajg.com.au>

Please Note: If you are a volunteer Reiki Practitioner, the workplace that you treat in may have insurance cover that covers you. You will need to ask!

Please note: There are variations to insurance policy costs depending on your turnover.

CONSENT - It is vital that you have, prior to treatment or service, ensured that you obtained appropriate consent for the treatment or service you will be providing, as relevant to your State/Territory laws. Please see a example Consent Form on the RAA website for your use. <http://www.reiki-association.com.au>

FIRST AID - First Aid is now a requirement, for a Practitioners workplace it is required that someone has First Aid training. The recommended First Aid course is the HLTAID003 which is a 3 year renewable certification.

Please see link for further information. <https://www.firstaidtraining.com.au>

RECORD KEEPING

It is required that the practitioner must keep accurate and up-to-date client records and that they be stored in a confidential/secure manner.

It is responsibility of the Reiki Practitioner to abide by all the clauses set out in the National Code of Code.

Certificate IV in Reiki Treatment Practice

In 2013 Reiki Australia was successful in having 10346NAT Certificate IV in Reiki Treatment Practice accredited nationally through the Australian Skills Quality Authority (ASQA).

What will I learn?

You'll find out how to work effectively in the health industry, ensure client safety, administer a practice, assess Reiki clients, plan and provide professional Reiki treatments, plus much more.. The emphasis of this course is on providing Reiki in a public setting, and does not teach the personal spiritual practice of Reiki, nor sacred material that properly belongs between a Reiki master and their students.

Who is eligible?

The qualification is open to people who have completed in-person training in Reiki 1 and Reiki 2 with a Reiki Master whose lineage of initiation is traceable to the founder of the practice, Mikao Usui.

Where can I study?

Australian Institute of Health and Business Management (AIHBM) is the first Registered Training Organisation (RTO) approved to deliver the Certificate IV in Reiki Treatment Practice. Most course units can be completed by home study, and practical assessments can be undertaken in Reiki Australia- Certified Clinics.

For more information Please contact: <http://www.reikiaustralia.com.au>

*Please note : This course is run by alternative Reiki Association and we at the RAA do not have first hand knowledge of the courses content or authenticity. This course maybe additional learning for students wanting basic skills & protocols in working in the community. i.e. OHS, Duty of Care, Communication etc...

THE THREE PILLARS OF REIKI

1. **Gassho** - two hands coming together- meditative/posture
2. **Reiji-Ho** - indication of the Reiki power - devotion - 'thy will be done'
3. **Chiryō** - treatment - laying of the hands