

**REVIEW AUTHORITY
NEW ZEALAND**

[2021] NZRA 001

Applicant

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Respondent

Secretary for Justice

Date of decision:

4 June 2021

DECISION

INTRODUCTION

[1] In a decision dated 12 February 2021, The Secretary for Justice (“the Secretary”) granted the Applicant approval at PAL3 subject to a supervision condition for a period of two years

[2] The Secretary decided that, while the Applicant did meet the minimum experience requirements for PAL3, the conclusion was reached that he did not have the appropriate level of knowledge and skill to provide legal aid services at that level.

[3] The Secretary imposed a condition of supervision on the decision to grant approval at PAL3 level. The supervisor was to be approved by the Secretary. The condition for supervision was to be reassessed at the end of the two year period.

[4] The Applicant has sought a review of the Secretary’s decision to impose a supervision condition.

[5] The Applicant has filed one hundred and ten pages of submissions, case references and references from practitioners in support of his application for review.

[6] By letter of 2 June 2021, the Secretary has advised the Authority that the references from professional colleagues of the Applicant, have allayed any concerns previously expressed to the point where he now considers that the Applicant no longer needs formal supervision.

DECISION

[7] I have considered the materials that the Applicant has filed and the Secretary's comments contained in the letter of 2 June 2021.

[8] I am able to agree with the Secretary's view that the Applicant now does not require supervision.

[9] I therefore, pursuant to S86(1) of the Legal Services Act and, by consent of the Secretary, reverse the decision to impose a condition of supervision on the approval of the Applicant as a provider of Legal Aid Services at PAL3.

B J Kendall
Review Authority