



At PHARMAC, we make the most of our opportunity to make a difference for New Zealand, including through developing ourselves and our organisational capability. It's our people that make the difference, so we value them and the commitment and professionalism they bring. We also value our diversity, combining science, medicine, commerce, analysis, marketing and more to facilitate good decision making.

PHARMAC is the government agency responsible for ensuring New Zealanders have access to a wide range of affordable medicines. As an international leader in pharmaceutical management, PHARMAC makes a vital contribution to New Zealand's health outcomes. This is done by:

- Managing the Pharmaceutical Schedule (the list of subsidised medicines)
- Promoting the responsible use of medicines
- Assisting DHBs with national procurement initiatives
- Managing the Exceptional Circumstances (EC) Scheme

If you want to make a difference in the management of New Zealand's health resources, and thrive in a busy and challenging environment, we'd love to talk to you about joining this dynamic and successful government agency.

Manager, Access and Optimal Use

(Ref 1073)

Reporting to the Chief Executive and as part of the Management Team, this role leads PHARMAC's work to promote the responsible use of medicines.

The role leads 7 people passionate about "optimal use" initiatives to reduce overuse, underuse and misuse of medicines. Helping improve New Zealand's health outcomes, these initiatives also help ensure the medicines budget is spent well.

An important part of reducing medicines underuse is addressing disparities in access to and use of medicines. This includes implementation of PHARMAC's Māori Responsiveness Strategy.

An understanding of social marketing and marketing techniques generally are critical to this role. An understanding of tikanga Māori is also important. A background in health education would be an advantage. In addition to line management experience, you will have excellent communication, presentation and relationship management skills.

Manager, Schedule and Contracts Management

(Ref 1072)

Reporting to the Chief Executive and as part of the Management Team, this role is responsible for managing the production, dissemination of and support for (including an 0800 line) the Pharmaceutical Schedule, as well as PHARMAC's contracts with pharmaceutical suppliers. The role leads 4 staff.

This is fundamentally a support function for PHARMAC's operations, but areas where top notch support and service are critical to PHARMAC's success and reputation.

Attention to detail in this role is important, but so too is an ability to step above the detail and improve systems over time. Success in this role also requires strong problem solving ability, excellent project management skills and an ability to communicate and build effective stakeholder relationships. Experience in contract management, pharmaceutical literacy, information systems management, and health sector knowledge would be advantages.

Please direct enquiries to Kate Finnerty at The Johnson Group on 04 473 6699 or email your CV and covering letter to info@thejohnsongroup.co.nz before 5pm, Friday 18 January quoting the relevant vacancy number.

Please note that, due to the holiday break, applications will not be responded to between Monday 24 December and Monday 7 January.