

Domain 6: Advocacy	
Promotes the Audiology profession and advocates for the health and wellbeing of people with regards to ear, hearing and associated conditions	
Competency	Sub-competency
6.1 Advocates for and partners with people who have or are at risk of ear, hearing and associated conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Works with relevant stakeholders to advocate for and partner with people who have, or are at risk of developing, ear, hearing and associated conditions, and their families to access available services and resources/supports ii. Raises awareness of the communication needs of those who have, or are at risk of developing, ear, hearing and associated conditions iii. Identifies and addresses the barriers that impede or prevent access to services and resources by those with ear, hearing and associated conditions (such as, acoustics of public spaces) iv. Empowers people with ear, hearing and associated conditions to participate in their community through education and ongoing support v. Able to advise others and promote hearing conservation procedures, in accordance with current legislation, including the role of Occupational Safety and Health Inspectors and nurses vi. Supports the development, implementation and interpretation of protocols for identifying and quantifying potential changes in hearing or balance function that result from adverse exposures, interventions or treatments.
6.2 Advocates for and partners with Māori and Pacific Island peoples with regards to their hearing health care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Demonstrates an understanding of the importance of advocating for education, resources and services which meet the specific hearing health needs of Māori and Pacific Island peoples in a culturally safe manner
6.3 Advocates for self and colleagues	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Advocates for a safe and equitable work environment, free from discrimination and undue pressures ii. Promotes best practice standards in the workplace iii. Advocates within the workplace for fair and reasonable performance expectations that align with the New Zealand Audiological Society Code of Ethics iv. Provides supportive and effective supervision for Audiology and/or allied health professionals
6.4 Advocates for the Audiology profession	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Identifies and engages with opportunities to advocate for the Audiology profession ii. Ensures all own professional interactions are conducted in a manner that helps promote positive perceptions of Audiology iii. Promotes the Audiology profession through the sharing of professional knowledge and experience