



Policy on validity time for the Bridging Programme

Policy Statement

Council will accept the Bridging Programme as a prerequisite for NZREX, instead of USLME Step 1 and Step 2 (CK), the MCQ or PLAB Part 1, for five years from the date the programme was completed.

Background

The Bridging Programme was a CTA funded training programme intended to help international medical graduates prepare for NZREX Clinical. Completion of the Bridging Programme is an accepted prerequisite equivalent to USLME Step 1 and Step 2 (CK), the MCQ or PLAB Part 1. The first intake for the Bridging Programme started on 12 March 2001. The final intake finished on 29 June 2005.

Procedures

Applicants who completed the Bridging Programme more than five years before the date of the examination being applied to sit will be informed that they must complete USLME Step 1 and Step 2 (CK), the MCQ or PLAB Part 1.

No applications using the Bridging Programme as a prerequisite will be accepted for any examination taking place after 29 June 2010.

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