



Te Kaunihera Rata  
o Aotearoa

**Medical Council  
of New Zealand**

# NZREX Clinical

## Pass rates and subsequent provisional general registration

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The following table displays information for the past 5 years of the number of candidates who:

- sat the examination,
- passed the examination,
- subsequently gained provisional general registration, and
- how long it took to gain provisional general registration.

Year	Exam Date	Number of candidates who sat	Number of candidates who passed	Number who have gained provisional registration	Average time to gain provisional registration (in days)
2016	12-Nov-16	28	15	10	490.2
2017	25-Mar-17	27	20	12	544.5
2017	24-Jun-17	28	13	9	206.8
2017	4-Nov-17	28	19	13	398.5
2018	24-Mar-18	28	15	10	398.6
2018	23-June-18	28	11	8	511.9
2018	3-Nov-18	28	16	14	382.7
2019	23-Mar-19	28	17	8	393.1
2019	22-Jun-19	28	15	9	320.2
2019	2-Nov-19	28	20	9	245.0
2020	31-Oct-20	31	21	3	240.0
2021	27-Mar-21	29	18	3	125.7
2021	19-Jun-21	30	19	1	69.0

This data is up-to-date as at 21 September 2021.

The figures above are updated regularly to reflect when successful candidates find employment and gain provisional registration.

## Background information

- Every candidate who passes NZREX Clinical must undertake [prevocational training](#) (a 2-year intern training programme) at an [accredited training provider](#) (District Health Board).
- There are a limited number of internship positions available and Council strongly recommends candidates consider their employment prospects before applying to sit NZREX Clinical.
- In the past NZREX Clinical has been administered up to five times per year. In recent years the frequency of the examination has been reduced to three per year.
- The data suggests that while candidates who pass NZREX Clinical may not find employment immediately after they pass, the majority do eventually find employment and get registered.
- Not all candidates actively seek employment immediately after receiving a pass result (for example, some candidates still reside overseas).
- Internship positions are made up of four clinical attachments per year which start at set times. Therefore when a candidate passes the examination may affect their ability to apply for work in a particular intake.
- A pass in NZREX Clinical is valid for 5 years.
- The Council accredits training providers but cannot provide any advice on employment prospects.