



**Policy on validity time for the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step 1 and USMLE Step 2 (CK), the Australian Medical Council Multichoice Questionnaire (AMC MCQ), the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Examination (MCCQE) Part I, and the Professional and Linguistic Assessments Board (PLAB) Part 1 in order to sit the New Zealand Registration Examination (NZREX) Clinical**

<b>Policy Statement</b>	Passes in the USMLE Step 1 and USMLE Step 2 (Clinical Knowledge), the AMC MCQ, the MCCQE Part I, or the PLAB Part 1 are valid for entry into NZREX Clinical for 5 years from the date each examination is passed.
<b>Rationale</b>	Council requires that at the time of sitting NZREX Clinical, the prerequisite examination pass must have been acquired within the previous 5 years. Council deems this the maximum length of time for skills to stay current with the candidate.
<b>Procedures</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. A prerequisite for NZREX Clinical is a pass in the USMLE Step 1 and USMLE Step 2 (Clinical Knowledge), the AMC MCQ, the MCCQE Part I or the PLAB Part 1 within the previous 5 years of the date of the NZREX Clinical the candidate is applying to sit, as proof of medical knowledge.</li><li>2. Candidates who do not achieve an overall pass at NZREX Clinical and apply for a further attempt must ensure that their passes in USMLE Steps 1 and 2 (CK), the AMC MCQ, the MCCQE Part I, or the PLAB Part 1 are valid.</li><li>3. If the time from when the candidate passed the USMLE Steps 1 and 2, the AMC MCQ, the MCCQE Part I, or the PLAB Part 1 has exceeded the 5 year validity point, the candidate must re-sit either the USMLE Steps 1 and 2 (CK), the AMC MCQ, the MCCQE Part I, or the PLAB Part 1</li></ol> <p>NOTE:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>4. Under the Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduate (ECFMG) rules, a candidate may not re-sit a USMLE step once they have passed it. The Council has an agreement with the ECFMG that addresses these conflicting rules and the ECFMG allows NZREX Clinical candidates to re-sit the USMLE Steps should they fall outside the 5 year time frame.</li><li>5. Candidates wishing to re-sit USMLE Steps must complete the 'Request to re-sit the USMLE form' attached to this policy. The Examinations Coordinator will then write a letter to the ECFMG (copied to the candidate) confirming that the candidate wishes to sit NZREX Clinical and outlining Council's policy for the validity period for USMLE Steps 1 and 2(CK).</li></ol>

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# Request to re-sit the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Steps 1 and 2

Please read the following, it contains important information

If you require Council to provide the ECFMG with a letter outlining that you wish to re-sit the USMLEs Step 1 and 2 because your results exceed Council's 5 year time frame, please complete the form below and attach the specified information.

## Section 1 – Personal identification details

<b>Name</b>	Show given names from your passport or birth certificate, unless your name has been legally changed (e.g., by deed poll)
Family name:	_____
Given names:	_____

<b>Identification</b>	
Date of birth (day, month, year)	Gender Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
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<b>Contact details</b> – please print clearly	
Contact address	_____
	_____
	_____
	_____
Email address:	_____

## Section 2 – Required documents

When submitting this form, please attach copies of:

- Your USMLE Step 1 and 2(CK) results that exceed Council's 5 year time frame
- Your passport.

## Section 3 – Declaration

I understand that:

- the Council will provide the ECFMG with a letter confirming that I wish to re-sit the USMLE Steps 1 and 2
- I will receive a copy of the letter and deal directly with the ECFMG about my request to re-sit the USMLEs once I have the letter from Council
- I will not be able to apply to sit NZREX Clinical until I meet all of the pre-requisites
- The Council may share this information with the ECFMG
- the information that I have provided to Council is true and correct.

Signature:

Date: