



## **Policy on recognition of internships undertaken by New Zealand, Australian, UK and Irish medical school graduates in countries other than New Zealand, Australia, the UK or Ireland**

### **Policy Statement**

New Zealand and Australian graduates who successfully complete an internship within New Zealand or Australia are eligible for registration within the General scope of practice.

UK and Irish graduates (including those who have completed a twinning programme where part of their study was completed in another country) who successfully complete their internships within the UK or Ireland are eligible for registration within the provisional general scope of practice.

In some cases, Council may assess internships completed by graduates in countries other than New Zealand, Australia, the UK or Ireland as being comparable to internships undertaken in New Zealand.

### **Rationale**

Council has no information about the standards and requirements of other medical authorities and jurisdictions for the successful completion of an internship. The requirements of an internship in New Zealand provides a measure by which an alternative internship, or combination of internship and other clinical practice, can be assessed as satisfying the prescribed internship.

### **Council requirements and process**

1. Council requires that as a minimum, the following be provided by the applicant:
  - a. At least three references completed by team consultants and/or other senior supervising medical staff using Council's reference form ([RP6](#)). These references must provide comment on the skill and knowledge of the applicant. The supervisors' job title and qualifications are to be included in the reference.
  - b. Hospital documentation that confirms the precise dates and nature of attachments/runs undertaken during internship.
  - c. Confirmation of holding current full or general registration with the medical regulatory authority of the country, in which the internship was completed.
  - d. Council may require other supporting documentation and/or evidence, which in the

Council's opinion will assist in assessing the experience and ability of the applicant.

2. Taking into account all of the information, Council will decide if the applicant has received a breadth of medical and surgical experience and structured learning, with no evidence of concerns over competence or performance, sufficient to satisfy Council that the applicant has experience and education substantially comparable to a New Zealand internship.
3. Decisions pursuant to this policy will be made by the Registrar under delegation from Council.

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