



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 when applying for registration

Policy Statement

New Zealand and Australian graduates who successfully complete their internships within New Zealand or Australia are able to gain registration within a general scope of practice immediately thereafter.

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 able to gain registration within a provisional general scope of practice immediately thereafter. (UK and Irish graduates who have not completed their internship in the UK or Ireland but who have worked in a comparable health system for 36 out of the previous 48 months may want to consider the comparable health system pathway to registration – see *Policy on registration within a general scope.*)

On a case by case basis, the Registrar will assess the suitability of graduates who complete their internships in countries other than New Zealand, Australia, the UK or Ireland when they apply for registration.

Rationale

1. Council has no information about the standards and requirements of other medical authorities and jurisdictions for the successful completion of an intern year. This makes it difficult to assess the experience and ability of the applicant unless sufficient detail is supplied on the internship undertaken. The internship completed by the doctor will be assessed in comparison to the requirements of an internship in New Zealand.

Council requirements and process

2. Council therefore requires that as a minimum, the following be provided by the applicant:
 - i) At least three reports or references completed by team consultants and/or other senior supervising medical staff. These reports must provide comment on the skill and knowledge of the applicant. The supervisors' job title and qualifications are to be included in the reference.

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- ii) Hospital documentation that confirms the precise dates and nature of attachments/runs undertaken during internship.
 - iii) Confirmation from the registration authority that full unlimited registration within a general scope of practice has been granted.
 - iv) Council may require other supporting documentation and/or evidence, which in the Council's opinion will assist them in assessing the experience and ability of the applicant.
3. If the Registrar considers that the applicant's internship is not of a comparable standard to those undertaken in New Zealand, then the Registrar will propose that the applicant be required to complete an internship that will satisfy the standards required by Council, before an application for registration is considered again. The applicant will be responsible for finding appropriate employment in which to complete an internship.
4. An applicant may request Council to review the Registrar's decision.
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