

General scope of practice pathway summary – Competent authority – UK and Irish graduates

Eligibility for registration in a provisional general scope

To be eligible to apply for registration in a provisional general scope, the applicant must hold a primary medical degree from an approved medical school in the United Kingdom or Ireland, and completed your internship within the United Kingdom or Ireland. Applicants must also meet the MCNZ “fitness for registration” requirements as listed on the MCNZ website.

If the doctor did not complete the first postgraduate year in the UK or Ireland, and completed it elsewhere, then the application will be assessed individually based on the Policy of 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.

Doctors can apply for registration via this pathway if they:

- meet the prerequisites; **and**
- have a job offer that includes supervision

Eligibility for registration in a general scope

Progression to registration in the General scope of practice is not automatic. You can apply for a change of scope once you have:

- completed 6 months working within a provisional general scope in a New Zealand hospital, general practice, educational institution or other organisation approved by the Council and under the supervision of a medical practitioner approved by the Council; and
- received two consecutive satisfactory supervision reports for the 6 months of medical practice completed immediately prior to applying for registration within a general scope.
- Been recommended for registration within a general scope by his or her supervisor.

If you do not achieve these requirements within a six-month period, you need to continue to work under supervision until you have.

You don't need to work under supervision once you're registered in the General scope. However, you must meet the Council's recertification requirements. The Council requires this to maintain the high standards of competence and fitness to practise of doctors in New Zealand.

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