

CERTIFICATION OF NEW BMLSc GRADUATES AND OTHER MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENTISTS COMMENCING PRACTICE IN NEW ZEALAND

A registered medical laboratory scientist:

- is competent to practice safely without supervision and able to take charge of some areas of work
- shall conduct himself/herself in such a way as to always put the needs of the patient first, and shall not bring the profession into disrepute
- shall have completed a course of theoretical and practical training approved by the Medical Laboratory Science Board

The requirement of the Registration Board in granting registration is for the practitioner to have achieved the competencies laid down in the Board's competency document to the specified skill level.

Graduates of Medical Laboratory Science programmes will have achieved many of the required competencies in the course of their degree. Some competencies can only be achieved through clinical laboratory based work experience. For the purposes of registration, graduates are therefore required to complete a minimum of six months full time equivalent work (to be completed within five years of gaining qualification) in a medical laboratory while holding an Interim Practising Certificate. It should be recognised that this is a minimum requirement and that some trainees will require a longer period of time to achieve all of the competencies.

Registration by the Board is subject to certification by the supervising scientist / pathologist that the trainee can perform the skills listed overleaf satisfactorily without assistance or supervision. Registration may be deferred beyond the minimum 6 month period if the supervising scientist / pathologist considers that the trainee does not yet meet the required competency standards. Registration must not, however, be withheld without due reason and trainees have the right to approach the Board for an independent assessment.

Registration may be withheld from the graduates of a particular institution if the Board considers that the course offered fails to meet the Board's standards.

For more information, refer to: Registration Requirements: *Competency Document Competencies, learning outcomes and performance criteria*, MLTB 1993 (Updated 2001)
Available from the Medical Laboratory Science Board

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CERTIFICATION OF COMPETENCE TO PRACTICE

NAME OF APPLICANT: _____

**NAME OF SUPERVISING SCIENTIST
/PATHOLOGIST:** _____

LABORATORY: _____

ADDRESS: _____ **PHONE:** _____

DATE OF COMMENCING EMPLOYMENT _____

As supervising scientist / pathologist for the above applicant, I hereby certify that he/she has completed a minimum of six months full time equivalent work experience (to be completed within five years of gaining qualification) and can perform the skills listed below to the standard of a medical laboratory scientist. When there is more than one supervisor, those involved in an applicant's supervision should sign the form.

(Sign each line)

Follows procedures for the collection, storage, retrieval and disposal of biological specimens appropriate to the discipline _____

Performs and reports routine tests appropriate to the discipline _____

Follows laboratory protocols and displays an awareness of the boundaries of his/her knowledge and responsibilities _____

Organises and manages his/her daily work schedule in an effective and efficient manner _____

Demonstrates clarity and precision in written and oral communications _____

Works in collaboration with other health professionals _____

Demonstrates a working knowledge of medical laboratory safety requirements _____

Demonstrates a holistic approach to laboratory quality assurance and quality control _____

Applies the professional code of ethics to practice and takes responsibility for acts performed in practising his/her profession _____

Signature: Supervising Scientist/Pathologist _____

Date: _____