

Board resolutions regarding registration in the scope of Medical Laboratory Scientist

New Zealand Bachelor of Medical Laboratory Science (BMLSc) and Graduate Diploma of Science route to registration as a Medical Laboratory Scientist including Medical Laboratory Scientist intern requirements

The Medical Laboratory Science Board resolved at its August 2009 Board meeting that:

- 1) A person undertaking the Graduate Diploma in Science path to registration as a Medical Laboratory Scientist must fulfill the following criteria:
 - On enrolment in the course the applicant must be employed as a Medical Laboratory Technician in an ISO 15189 accredited NZ diagnostic medical laboratory
 - The applicant must complete at least two years of post-enrolment full-time (or equivalent) employment in an ISO 15189 accredited NZ diagnostic medical laboratory
- 2) The Board requires the clinical placement requirements of the NZ BMLSc or NZ Graduate Diploma in Science to be undertaken in an ISO 15189 accredited NZ diagnostic medical laboratory
- 3) A Medical Laboratory Scientist intern is required to fulfill the requirements of their IPC in an ISO 15189 accredited NZ diagnostic medical laboratory.

These above resolutions are effective immediately.

Please note:

The ISO 15189 accreditation requirement applies specifically to the diagnostic medical laboratory department relevant to the applicant or medical laboratory scientist intern tenure.

An Applicant who is undertaking the Graduate Diploma of Science route to registration will be approved on course completion, providing that in no case will registration be approved in less than 2 years after commencement of course: that is, at least two years of post-enrolment, appropriate full-time or equivalent employment in an ISO 15189 accredited NZ medical laboratory is required.

If the applicant is working in a NZ diagnostic medical laboratory which is not ISO 15189 accredited, the time requirement will be counted from the point of laboratory ISO accreditation only i.e. time spent working in a non-accredited laboratory does not count towards the 2 year total.