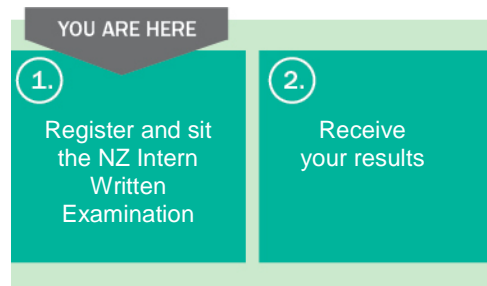


# NEW ZEALAND INTERN WRITTEN EXAMINATION

Candidates who are registered in the Intern Pharmacist scope with the [Pharmacy Council of New Zealand \(PCNZ\)](#) will be required to complete a number of steps before they can apply for Pharmacist registration. One of these requirements is for candidates to successfully pass the New Zealand [Intern Written Examination](#) whilst they are completing the Intern Training Programme.

Australian Pharmacy Council (APC) delivers the New Zealand Intern Written Examination on behalf of the PCNZ. The New Zealand Intern Written Examination is based broadly on the Australian Intern Written Exam which is used to assess an intern's practical pharmacy competency and knowledge. As there are some differences between the exams New Zealand interns are advised to contact PCNZ with any specific enquiries about the exam process, confirm the eligibility requirements, and make payment.

Candidates should carefully review this information sheet in its entirety before registering for an exam.



## 1. REGISTER AND SIT THE NZ INTERN WRITTEN EXAMINATION

- Check on the PCNZ [website](#) for the exam schedules
- Wait while the system is directing you to the Pearson VUE web site
- Select your test centre, date and time and proceed to checkout
- Special needs and Accommodations: Please [contact](#) PCNZ if you require special needs accommodation at the exam venue
- Agree to Policies
- Submit order and review summary page prior to returning to the APC web site to make payment
- Receive your registration confirmation via email: Once your exam details are confirmed and payment processed, you will receive a confirmation email from Pearson VUE verifying your details and listing the exam rules and policies. It is very important that you read the confirmation email carefully and [contact](#) PCNZ if you need to make any changes to your personal records.
- Receive exam reminder: You will receive a reminder email approximately 1 week from PCNZ before your exam date.
- Attend your exam venue and complete your exam.

## 2. RECEIVE YOUR RESULTS

You will receive an email from the PCNZ when the results are available.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

## NZ INTERN WRITTEN EXAMINATION ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

New Zealand interns can confirm eligibility requirements for the [New Zealand Intern Written Examination](#) at the PCNZ website. Your exam registration will be verified by the PCNZ to confirm your exam eligibility. If you are ineligible to sit the New Zealand Intern Written Examination, you will receive an email notifying you about the cancellation of your exam and the exam fee refund arrangement.

It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure their eligibility to sit the exam, before submitting exam registration and making payment. Candidates having any questions about their exam eligibility should contact the PCNZ direct.

## PEARSON VUE ACCOUNTS

No account creation is needed on the Pearson VUE web site.

## EXAM DATES AND PLACES

Candidates wishing to sit the NZ Intern Written Examination should confirm this information on the PCNZ [website](#).

## FEES AND PAYMENT

Please visit the PCNZ [website](#) for the current exam fee.

## REFUNDS AND CANCELLATION

Please visit the PCNZ [website](#) for details on how to apply for a 'Refund of fees for Exam Cancellation - After exam registrations have closed'.

If you are aware in the lead-up to the exam day that you may not be able to attend, please contact PCNZ as soon as possible. Please visit the PCNZ [website](#) for further details.

## SPECIAL NEEDS ACCOMMODATION

Special needs accommodation is the arrangement made by us to assist candidates who have physical or personal conditions that require support on the day of the exam.

If you have a condition that may affect your ability to take the exam, you should [contact](#) PCNZ and provide current supporting documentation from an appropriately qualified practitioner along with your request. The documentation will be used to verify a condition and provide relevant and useful information in assessing appropriate adjustments or accommodations. Your application will be reviewed, and you will be contacted if additional information is required from you.

If your request is approved, you will be notified by email.

It takes time for special needs accommodation requests to obtain approval. If you think you may require special needs accommodation, please contact the APC well in advance of the closing date of your exam registration.

Examples of special needs accommodations that the APC may be able to arrange for you are:

- Additional time
- Permission to leave the exam room for breaks
- Permission for more leg room due to an injury

The APC is unable to facilitate any special needs accommodation requests after the exam registration closure date.

## IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED TO SIT THE EXAM

Please provide two identity documents (IDs) to enter the exam venue and sit the exam.

### Primary ID

- International Passport
- Government issued national/country identity card (with photo)
- Government issued citizenship card (with photo)
- Australian/NZ driver's licence

### Secondary ID

- Debit (ATM) card
- Credit card
- Any form of ID on the primary list

Please refer to our [exam dates and places](#) page for information on the mandatory documents required to sit the New Zealand Intern Written Examination.

## EXAM APPROACH AND DELIVERY

High-stakes exam development and delivery require the highest levels of security and accuracy.

In partnership with Pearson VUE, the APC delivers high-stakes pharmacy exams to thousands of candidates around the world.

Through regular subject-matter reviews and psychometric analysis, the APC ensures the reliability, defensibility and validity of its exams.

## EXAM FORMAT

New Zealand Written Examination is delivered by computer (via [Pearson VUE](#)).

The [New Zealand Intern Written Examination](#) is based broadly on the [Australian Intern Written Examination](#). There are some differences between the exams.

- It consists of 125 multiple-choice questions.
- Candidates must complete the exam paper within three hours.
- Each question contains a stem (a question, phrase or short paragraph) and four to five possible answers.
- There is only one correct answer for each question.

- The computer will randomise the order of all the questions. However, the eight Domain 1 questions and eight Domain 5 questions will always appear in the first 16 questions of every exam.

## EXAM SUBJECT AREAS

There are five content areas covered by the New Zealand Intern Written Examination. These content areas are based on the [Competence Standards for the Pharmacy Profession](#).

The areas covered in the exam are:

- Domain M1: Practice Professionalism in Pharmacy (pass mark 63% or above)
- Domain O1: Health and medicine management. May include some if O2.2 Health promotion (pass mark 50% or above)
- Domain O3: Supply and administration of medicines (pass mark 50% or above)
- Pharmaceutical Calculations: (pass mark 63% or above)

To pass the exam, interns must achieve an **overall pass mark** of 65% or above, as well as the **minimum pass marks as listed above**.

## EXAM QUESTION TYPES

Questions may either stand-alone or be associated with a patient profile.

Stand-alone questions are those questions that are self-contained. You will be given all the information required to answer the question in the stem.

Patient profile questions are two to five questions that are linked to content found in a patient record or profile. The patient profile will provide you with basic information about the patient (e.g. age, weight, allergies) and also more detailed information like a presenting complaint(s), any test results and the medication history.

You should answer the patient questions within the context of the profile. The answer to a question in the profile will not be dependent upon correctly answering another question. You will be able to answer each question independently of the other profile questions.

## PREPARING FOR THE EXAM

The below resources are available to support candidates with preparing for an exam:

- four online training modules for exam preparation
- downloadable practice exams and answer sheets
- downloadable Guide for the New Zealand Intern Written Examination
- online tutorial to give you the chance to see the computer software used to deliver the exam.

All resources are located on our [exam resources](#) page.

## ITEMS PERMITTED / NOT PERMITTED IN THE ROOM

Candidates may undertake an exam in a room with candidates who are sitting other exams. These candidates may have different requirements/reference material restrictions.

New Zealand Intern Written Examination is an open-book exam.

Permitted Items:

- printed/hand written reference materials permitted for use by candidates in the exam. This means you are allowed to bring any preferred printed handwritten materials to the venue – venue staff will not check reference materials.
- calculators: There are no restrictions on the type of calculators you can bring into the room. An online calculator will also be available during the exam.

Non-permitted Items:

- wrist watches, mobile phones, tablets or other electronic devices at your workstation
- pens/pencils: (an erasable pen and notepad will be provided)

## CONTACTS

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