



Policy on approval of Taiwanese medical schools

Policy Statement

The Medical Council of New Zealand (Council) approves Taiwanese medical schools, for the purpose of granting Taiwanese medical graduates the opportunity to become eligible to apply for NZREX Clinical. Council must ensure that only fully qualified medical practitioners are admitted to NZREX Clinical.

Rationale

Although Taiwan is not included in the World Directory of Medical Schools published by the World Health Organisation (WHO), this exclusion is indicative of international political relations, rather than the standard of the Taiwanese medical schools. The Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates Office has approved the admittance of Taiwanese medical graduates to the United States Medical Licensing Examinations Steps 1 and 2.

Background

As Taiwan is not included in the World Directory of Medical Schools published by the WHO; graduates from Taiwan do not meet all of the criteria for admission to NZREX Clinical.

Council has in the past accepted graduates from Taiwan to its examinations, as Taiwan is also accepted by the General Medical Council (GMC). However, since 1996 Council has relied exclusively on the WHO's approval of medical schools, when considering the eligibility of overseas medical graduates enquiring about registration in New Zealand.

Procedures

The Examinations Coordinator receives an application from a Taiwanese medical graduate to apply to sit NZREX Clinical.

The graduate's medical school will be checked that it is recognised by the GMC for registration in the United Kingdom.

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