



Policy on validity time for the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Step 1 and USMLE Step 2 (CK), the Australian Medical Council Multichoice Questionnaire (AMC MCQ) and the Professional and Linguistic Assessments Board (PLAB) Part 1 in order to sit the New Zealand Registration Examination (NZREX) Clinical

Policy Statement	Passes in the USMLE Step 1 and USMLE Step 2 (Clinical Knowledge), the AMC MCQ or the PLAB Part 1 are valid for entry into NZREX Clinical for 5 years from the date each examination is passed.
Rationale	Council requires that at the time of sitting NZREX Clinical, the prerequisite examination pass must have been acquired within the previous 5 years. Council deems this the maximum length of time for skills to stay current with the candidate.
Procedures	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. A prerequisite for NZREX Clinical is a pass in the USMLE Step 1 and USMLE Step 2 (Clinical Knowledge), the AMC MCQ or the PLAB Part 1 within the previous 5 years of the date of the NZREX Clinical the candidate is applying to sit, as proof of medical knowledge.2. Candidates who do not achieve an overall pass at NZREX Clinical and apply for a further attempt must ensure that their passes in USMLE Steps 1 and 2 (CK), the AMC MCQ or the PLAB Part 1 are valid.3. If the time from when the candidate passed the USMLE Steps 1 and 2, the AMC MCQ or the PLAB Part 1 has exceeded the 5 year validity point, the candidate must re-sit either the USMLE Steps 1 and 2 (CK), the AMC MCQ or the PLAB Part 1 <p>NOTE:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">4. Under the Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduate (ECFMG) rules, a candidate may not re-sit a USMLE step once they have passed it. The Council has an agreement with the ECFMG that addresses these conflicting rules and the ECFMG allows NZREX Clinical candidates to re-sit the USMLE Steps should they fall outside the 5 year time frame.5. Candidates wishing to re-sit USMLE Steps must complete the 'Request to re-sit the USMLE form' attached to this policy. The Examinations Coordinator will then write a letter to the ECFMG (copied to the candidate) confirming that the candidate wishes to sit NZREX Clinical and outlining Council's policy for the validity period for USMLE Steps 1 and 2.



Request to re-sit the United States Medical Licensing Examination (USMLE) Steps 1 and 2

Please read the following, it contains important information

If you require Council to provide the ECFMG with a letter outlining that you wish to re-sit the USMLEs Step 1 and 2 because your results exceed Council's 5 year time frame, please complete the form below and attach the specified information.

Section 1 – Personal identification details

Name	Show given names from your passport or birth certificate, unless your name has been legally changed (e.g., by deed poll)
Family name:	_____
Given names:	_____

Identification	
Date of birth (day, month, year)	Gender Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>
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Contact details – please print clearly
Contact address

Email address:

Section 2 – Required documents

When submitting this form, please attach copies of:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Your USMLE Step 1 and 2 results that exceed Council's 5 year time frame• Your passport.

Section 3 – Declaration

I understand that:
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the Council will provide the ECFMG with a letter confirming that I wish to re-sit the USMLE Steps 1 and 2• I will receive a copy of the letter and deal directly with the ECFMG about my request to re-sit the USMLEs once I have the letter from Council• I will not be able to apply to sit NZREX Clinical until I meet all of the pre-requisites• The Council may share this information with the ECFMG• the information that I have provided to Council is true and correct.
Signature:
Date: