

Overseas trained Sport and Exercise Medicine (SEM) Physician

Applying for recognition in New Zealand

If you have completed a primary medical degree and specialist training to become a Sport and Exercise Physician overseas, you may be eligible to practise in New Zealand. To practise in New Zealand an Overseas Trained Specialist (OTS) must be assessed by the Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ).

How do I apply?

To practise as an SEM Physician in New Zealand you must first [apply to the MCNZ to be assessed for vocational \(specialist\) registration](#). The MCNZ may refer your application to the ACSEP to assess whether your training, qualifications and experience are equivalent to those of a New Zealand trained SEM Physician.

Fees

Please refer to the MCNZ website for [fees for registration to practise in New Zealand](#).

What is the process for assessment to practise as a specialist in New Zealand?

To practice as an SEM Physician in New Zealand, you must:

1.	Apply to the Medical Council of New Zealand to be assessed for specialist registration.
2.	The MCNZ will consult the ACSEP's OTS Committee to review your application, qualifications and experience.
3.	The MCNZ will advise the applicant of the outcome of their application.
4.	The applicant will complete any outstanding requirements.
5.	Gain your specialist registration as an SEM Physician through the MCNZ.



Your application

The MCNZ will assess and determine the outcome of your application. You cannot apply directly to the ACSEP.

Please [Apply to the MCNZ to be assessed for vocational \(specialist\) registration](#).

Before submitting an application for vocational (specialist) registration, [read the MCNZ registration in New Zealand policy](#).

After you apply, the MCNZ will refer your application to the ACSEP to conduct a paper-based review of your application and provide preliminary advice about whether your training, qualifications and experience are equivalent to those of a New Zealand trained SEM Physician.