

## Pharmacist Prescribers Beginning or Returning to Prescribing Practice (PPRTP)

The requirements for pharmacist prescribers returning to practice will vary depending on time away from prescribing practice, or the time lapse between successfully completing the Postgraduate Certificate in Pharmacist Prescribing (Otago) or the Postgraduate Certificate in Clinical Pharmacy in Prescribing (Auckland) and registering in the Pharmacist Prescriber Scope of Practice.

0 – 1 year	1 – 2 years	>2 years
Provide evidence and self-assessment of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CPD</li> <li>• Clinical area involved in</li> <li>• Degree of patient-focused care</li> <li>• Patient physical assessment skills</li> <li>• Collaborative teamwork</li> </ul>	As for 0-1 year plus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Self-assessment against PP competence standards</li> <li>• 18-month CPD plan</li> <li>• Initial and on-going mentoring plan related to beginning to prescribe</li> </ul>	Complete the PP Return to Practice process as outlined below

### Pharmacist Prescriber Return to Practice > 2 years

Pharmacists who have had greater than a two-year time lapse away from their prescribing practice or from the time of qualifying as a pharmacist prescriber must complete the following Return to Practice requirements. They must submit a portfolio outlining the following:

- Details and dates of previous employment either in NZ or another jurisdiction
- Evidence of current professional competence mapped against the Pharmacist Prescriber Competence Standards
- Details of any CPD, education or training and/or work experience relevant to the prescriber scope of practice
- Self-evaluation of how any of the CPD, education or training and/or work experience undertaken has prepared the candidate for work within the prescriber scope and proposed defined area of practice
- Personal development plan indicating what additional education, training and experience has been identified to meet any gaps in knowledge and skills
- A specified period of supervised practice / mentoring with an appropriate mentor or DMP in the clinical area the applicant intends prescribing in
- Regular supervisor reports during period of supervision, assessing against specific competencies

The portfolio will be evaluated by the advisory group against:

- An understanding of the PCNZ Pharmacist code of ethics and the standards and guidance for pharmacist prescribers
- How realistic the self-assessment is of how the applicant currently meets the standards
- The relevance of the CPD, education, training and experience, and whether this is sufficient to demonstrate competence
- The recency of the CPD, education, training and experience
- The quality of any supporting evidence

- Whether the proposed plan to address gaps is sufficient, and if completed, if it is likely to address the learning need(s) identified
- Whether the personal development plan is realistic and achievable within the proposed timeframes.

The information provided will be used to help determine whether the evidence is sufficient to demonstrate professional competence in the prescriber scope and in the defined clinical area the applicant proposes to prescribe in, or whether additional education, training or experience is required.

The recommendations for further education will be selected from a list similar to those outlined in the assessment criteria for overseas-registered pharmacist prescribers. The PPRTP portfolio will be assessed electronically by the same panel assessing the overseas qualifications.