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Thirty-five pharmacist interns now eligible to register as pharmacists

Thirty-five people successfully passed the mid-year Assessment Centre for intern pharmacists, which means they are now eligible to register in the pharmacist scope of practice.

“The next step for these interns is to apply to register in the pharmacist scope of practice, then they can use their skills as part of a competent pharmacist workforce.,” said Michael Pead, Chief Executive of the Pharmacy Council. “This will give a much-needed boost to pharmacist numbers across the country.”

Held in late May and run by the Pharmaceutical Society of New Zealand (PSNZ), the Assessment Centre is the final step towards registration for aspiring pharmacists after completing the intern training programme.

The pass rate for this Assessment Centre was 67%, which aligns with the usual pass rate for May. Along with the 144 people who successfully passed the November Assessment Centre, there are now 179 people who became eligible to register in the pharmacist scope of practice in the last seven months.

The Pharmacy Council and PSNZ work closely together to develop each Assessment Centre, creating an assessment that mirrors the sorts of real-life clinical scenarios encountered in everyday practice. The Assessment Centre allows interns to demonstrate the skills and competencies they have gained through their studies for safe practice in practical situations.

“We’d also like to acknowledge all the pharmacists who contributed to this year’s Assessment Centre through their involvement in case writing, piloting, standard setting and assessment,” said Michael.

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Further information

- Attendees at the May Assessment Centre were interns who did not complete the intern programme by the November 2024 Assessment Centre or who were unsuccessful at the November 2024 Assessment Centre.
- As a mid-year opportunity for interns to take (or re-take) the assessment, it gives interns the additional time to consolidate skills and competence without having to wait a full year for another opportunity to sit the Assessment Centre.
- Because of this, fewer people attempt the May Assessment Centre than the November option.