

Registered Nurse Prescriber prescribed qualifications

CURRENT Gazette Notice - Medicines (Designated Prescriber – Registered Nurses) Notice 2022 - Council requirements for education and training

“A. Requirements for Prescribing (Regulation 6)

1. The Council requirements for education and training that registered nurses must complete before commencing to prescribe for the first time in primary health and specialty teams are as follows:
 - a. A minimum of three years’ full-time equivalent practice in the area they intend to prescribe with at least one year of the total practice in New Zealand or a similar healthcare context; and
 - b. the completion of a Council-approved postgraduate diploma in registered nurse prescribing for long-term and common conditions or equivalent as assessed by the Council; and
 - c. completion of a practicum with an authorised prescriber, which demonstrates knowledge to safely prescribe specified prescription medicines and knowledge of the regulatory framework for prescribing; and
 - d. a satisfactory assessment of the competencies for nurse prescribers completed by an authorised prescriber.”

PROPOSED Gazette Notice - Registered Nurse Prescriber prescribed qualifications

Prescribed qualification

Current designated prescribers

- a. Registration with the Nursing Council of New Zealand in the registered nurse scope of practice with either a current authorisation to prescribe within primary health and specialty teams, or a current authorisation to prescribe in diabetes health under the supervision of an authorised prescriber.

New registered nurse prescribers

- a. Registration with the Nursing Council of New Zealand in the registered nurse scope of practice; and
- c. A minimum of two years registered nurse practice in an area of practice where they intend to prescribe, with one year of the total practice in a New Zealand healthcare setting; and
- d. The completion of a Nursing Council-approved postgraduate diploma in registered nurse prescribing; and
- e. Passing an assessment of the standards of competence for nurse prescribers by a Council approved assessor.