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## **The Directors of the Australian Medical Council grant accreditation to the University of Auckland, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences' medical programme to 31 March 2022**

The Australian Medical Council (AMC) assesses and accredits primary medical education providers and their medical programs; that is, programs that lead to a qualification that permits the holder to seek general registration as a medical practitioner. The AMC and the Medical Council of New Zealand work collaboratively to assess New Zealand primary medical education providers and their programs.

The AMC has recently completed a reaccreditation assessment of the University of Auckland, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences' medical programme.

The Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences offers a six-year Bachelor of Medicine / Bachelor of Surgery (MBChB) programme. Undergraduate students complete the first year which is focused on biomedical science and then both undergraduate and graduate students undergo the selection process for the medical programme for entry into Year 2. The programme is delivered primarily at the University of Auckland's Grafton campus, adjacent to the Auckland Hospital. Students gain clinical experience at clinical campuses, sites and health care facilities in and around Auckland, and at Waikato (Hamilton), Rotorua, Tauranga and Northland (Whangarei).

The 2015 reaccreditation assessment team considered written material from the Faculty and the Auckland University Medical Students Association, and in March 2015 the team visited the Faculty and associated clinical teaching sites. The team met University representatives and Faculty staff, students and clinicians, and prepared its report against the accreditation standards.

The AMC accreditation report finds that the Faculty and its medical programme meet the accreditation standards. Strengths of the programme include the way it is governed, the Faculty's enthusiastic and committed staff and clinical supervisors, the physical facilities and the clinical learning environments available to the students.

In the curriculum, the accreditation report commends the way curriculum change has been managed, and notes the leadership and commitment to Māori health, in particular the embedding of a domain for Māori health across the curriculum and the success in attracting and supporting Māori and Pacific students. There is evidence of quality teaching and learning initiatives and the report commends the Faculty's implementation of assessment for learning practises.

The AMC requires education providers to submit regular progress reports on their accredited medical programs addressing the accreditation standards. The Faculty will be asked to report in 2016 on conditions including alignment between AMC Graduate Outcome Statements and

the programme's Graduate Learning Outcomes, and the completion of the overarching assessment blueprint.

On the basis of the accreditation report, the July 2015 meeting of the AMC Directors agreed that they were satisfied that the MBChB programme of the University of Auckland, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences meets the approved accreditation standards.

Accreditation is granted to 31 March 2022 subject to conditions, as outlined in the 2015 executive summary (available [here](#)). The AMC will continue to monitor the Faculty's progress through reports on conditions and progress reports.

The AMC presents accreditation decisions and reports to the Medical Board of Australia to make a decision on the approval of the programs of study for registration purposes. The Medical Board of Australia details its decisions about accredited programs of study in communiqués published on its [website](#) following each meeting.

The Medical Council of New Zealand uses the AMC accreditation reports on Australian and New Zealand medical education providers in deciding on the recognition of those providers and their programs in New Zealand. AMC accreditation of New Zealand providers allows New Zealand medical graduates registration in Australia.

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