



**MEDICAL SCIENCES COUNCIL
OF NEW ZEALAND**

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EXPANDED PRACTICE FOR MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE PRACTITIONERS:

Consultation Outcomes

IN SEPTEMBER 2017 THE MEDICAL SCIENCES COUNCIL PUBLISHED A CONSULTATION DOCUMENT SEEKING FEEDBACK ON A PROPOSAL THAT WOULD ENABLE REGISTERED MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE PRACTITIONERS TO WORK IN EXPANDED PRACTICE ROLES APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL.

THIS REPORT SUMMARISES THE CONSULTATION FEEDBACK RECEIVED BY THE COUNCIL AND THEIR SUBSEQUENT DECISIONS AS TO THE INTRODUCTION OF AN EXPANDED PRACTICE PATHWAY FOR MEDICAL LABORATORY SCIENCE PRACTITIONERS

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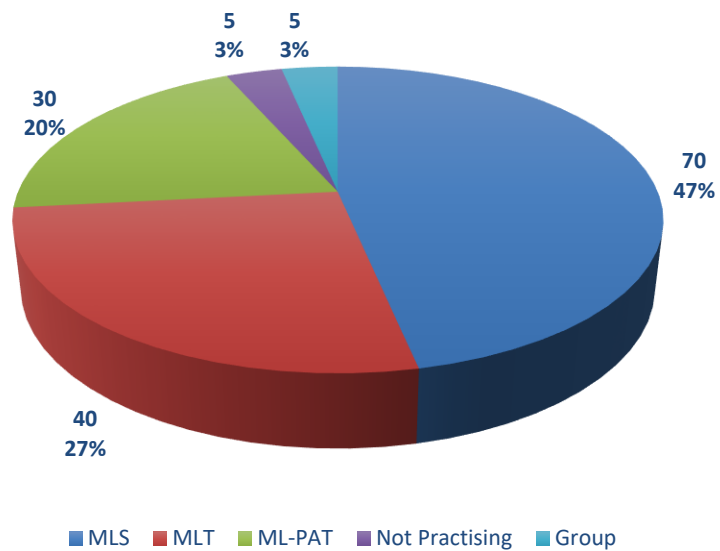
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Introduction

The Medical Sciences Council (the Council) extends its thanks and appreciation to the individuals and groups who provided feedback to a recent (September 2017) consultation on a proposal to introduce an expanded practice pathway for registered medical laboratory science practitioners.

Consultation Response Rate

Consultation respondents were asked to provide their feedback via an online questionnaire. Responses were received from:



An Overview of Consultation Feedback

Question	Response
1. Is the policy statement on expanded practice for medical laboratory science practitioners is clear enough?	96% agreed the policy statement was clear
2. Do you have any suggested changes to the section on pre-requisites for the laboratory or healthcare facility?	89% did not suggest any changes to the section on pre-requisites
3. Do you have any suggested changes to the section on pre-requisites for the practitioner?	90% did not suggest any changes to the section on the application process for practitioner.
4. Do you have any suggested changes to the section on the application process for practitioners?	91% did not suggest any changes to the section on the approval process of expanded practice activities
5. Do you have any suggested changes to the policy guidelines in regards to the approval of expanded practice activities?	93% did not suggest any changes to the policy guidelines for the approval of expanded activities
6. Do you have any suggested changes to the policy guidelines in regards to on IV cannulation?	96 % did not suggest any changes to the policy guidelines on IV cannulation

Council Decision

Taking into consideration the high level of support from consultation respondents and potential improvements in timely access to health services for health communities, the Medical Sciences Council has formally resolved to introduce an expanded practice pathway for medical laboratory science practitioners.

The publication *Policy and Guidelines: Expanded Practice for Medical Laboratory Science Practitioners (February 2018)* articulates the policy and procedures whereby suitably trained registered medical laboratory science practitioners can apply to the Council to have a condition for an expanded practice activity (that is on the Council's list of approved expanded practice activities) included on their practising certificate.

The policy document also contains information for laboratories/healthcare facilities wishing to make an application for medical laboratory science practitioners to perform other expanded practice activities not currently approved by the Council.