



**APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL OF A NEW
EXPANDED PRACTICE ACTIVITY**

Laboratory/healthcare facility name: _____

Contact name: _____

Position: _____

Email address: _____

Name of new expanded practise activity:

The application must contain detailed information in respect of:

- The clinical activity/procedure; and
- The reason for this activity or procedure to be performed as expanded practice by MLS practitioners; and
- Required entry-level competencies; and
- A summary of actual and potential risks pertaining to the activity/procedure and the required measures to mitigate those risks; and
- Required training programme to ensure practitioners have the necessary skills and knowledge; and
- How the training is to be delivered; and
- The assessment framework for assessing practitioner competence to perform the specified activity/procedure; and
- Minimum ongoing support mechanisms for ensuring continued competence

Signature _____

Date _____

Once completed, please email this application with the required supporting evidence to the Council at msc@medsci.co.nz

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Laboratories/healthcare facilities wishing to utilise the expertise of medical laboratory science practitioners in an expanded practice activity, must obtain approval from the Council to have that activity included in the list of defined expanded practice activities within which medical laboratory science practitioners can practise.

Evidence of a framework to determine the new expanded practice role is appropriate

The application is to be supported with evidence and information on all of the following questions:

- Is there evidence the expansion of medical laboratory science practice will improve the health outcomes for patients?
- Is there an appropriate rationale for medical laboratory science practitioners to undertake this activity?
- Is the role or activity supported by professional standards and/or legislation?
- Have potential risks been evaluated and strategies developed to mitigate those that have been identified?
- Are there policies and procedures as part of an organisational risk management framework that support this practice?
- Will the change be accepted within the organisation and interdisciplinary team?
- Has a process been established to assess the educational preparation and competence of practitioners prior to undertaking the expanded practice activity?
- Is there a documented training programme for medical laboratory science practitioners looking to undertake the expanded practice activity?
- Are there explicit standards addressing the level of accountability for practitioners performing the expanded practice activity?
- Is there a process for ongoing education to ensure practitioners maintain competence in the expanded practice activity?
- Has a process been established to access other health practitioners to support medical laboratory science practitioners undertaking the expanded practice activity?
- Is there a process for the ongoing monitoring and evaluation of practitioners performing the expanded practice activity?