

# CPD Consultation Outcome 2022



**MEDICAL SCIENCES COUNCIL  
OF NEW ZEALAND**

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# Outcome Overview



The Medical Sciences Council proposed to make a change to the audit cycle for practitioners' CPD. Audits would move from an annual schedule to being conducted once every two-years.

The Council has now reviewed the consultation feedback. Support for the changes was overwhelming, and for that reason the Council has determined to implement the changes set out in the consultation document.

## Changes

Audits will now be carried out by the Council every two years, in the year following the end of a biennium. This means the Council will now audit 40% of medical laboratory science practitioners and 40% of anaesthetic technicians who hold a current practising certificate and each practitioner selected for audit must provide their CPD information from the whole biennium.

The Council has completed this year's audit. There will be **NO AUDIT in 2023**. The next audit will be completed in **2024**, and will cover the **2022-2023** biennium. Practitioners must continue to engage in CPD during 2023. In readiness for the 2024 audit, practitioners must ensure their two years of CPD for 2022 and 2023 meets the minimum hours requirement:

- Medical Laboratory Scientists: **40 hours over the biennium**. A minimum of 15 hours must be completed in any one year.
- Medical Laboratory Technician or Medical Laboratory Pre-Analytical Technician: **24 hours over the biennium**. A minimum of 9 hours must be completed each year.
- Anaesthetic Technicians: **40 hours over the biennium**. A minimum of 15 hours must be completed in any one year.

# CPD Requirements Ongoing:

2022-2023

2024

2024-2025

## What you would need to do for the 2022-2023 biennium:

- Undertake the full amount of CPD hours specified (40 hours for MLS and ATs, 24 for MLT /MLPAT); and
- Ensure you keep a clear record of the activities you have undertaken.

E.g., if you are a MLS or AT and have only completed 15 hours of CPD in 2022, you will need to complete 25 hours in 2023, in order to meet the 40 hours required for the 2024 audit.

If you are an MPLAT or MLT and completed 9 hours of CPD in 2022, you will need to complete 15 hours of CPD in 2023 in order to meet the 24 hours required for the 2024 audit.

There will be no audit for practitioners in 2023.

In 2024 the Council will audit 40% of medical laboratory science practitioners and 40% of anaesthetic technicians.

## What you would need to provide if you are called for audit:

Evidence of the full two years of CPD undertaken for the 2022-2023 biennium. The [AT CPD policy](#) sets out what information must be provided by anaesthetic technicians and the [MLS CPD Policy](#) outlines what must be provided by medical laboratory science practitioners who are selected for audit.

If selected for audit, you will also be advised of what documentation is required.

Because audits are now carried out once every two years, there would be no audit in 2025.

However, you must continue to engage with CPD:

- 40 hours for MLS and ATs, 24 for MLT /MLPAT across the 2024-2025 biennium; and
- Ensure you keep a clear record of the activities you have undertaken.