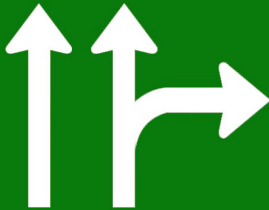


Orientation for overseas trained General Practitioners & Practice Nurses

Your journey starts here!



**NZLocums
Orientation Course**

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Introduction

NZLocums & NZMedJobs is a government-funded recruitment agency contracted by the Ministry of Health to provide short-term locums and permanent General Practitioners (GPs) to work in rural areas of New Zealand.

We are the only network in New Zealand providing a **comprehensive Orientation Course** tailor-made for internationally trained GPs and Practice Nurses coming to work in New Zealand. The course has been **successfully running for over 15 years**, is held in central Wellington and runs for three days. The Orientation course is delivered monthly. We encourage all overseas doctors and nurses who are coming to work in New Zealand in general practice, to attend the course before starting work.

Our course has been **endorsed by The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners**.



Aim

To prepare overseas GPs and Practice Nurses for work in New Zealand by providing a comprehensive introduction to the working environment in the health sector. Our valuable service ensures a smooth transition into their respective practices and roles.

Benefits gained from Orientation

- A unique three-day Orientation course running every month, affording a convenient introduction for newly arrived GPs and Practice Nurses
- Our course covers core aspects of working life in New Zealand, providing a perfect introduction to their practice in New Zealand. We seek to build confidence and understanding, preparing individuals for their new posts
- The “Orientation for overseas trained GPs and Practice Nurses” activity has been endorsed by The Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners (RNZCGP) and has been approved for up to 17.5 CME credits for Continuing Professional Development (CPD) purposes
- For GPs, if required we arrange an online Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ) registration meeting
- The course also provides assistance with taxation and banking services
- We offer GPs and Practice Nurses the opportunity to meet like-minded individuals whilst providing an exceptional environment for networking and support
- In addition to the Orientation core content, each attendee is presented with a welcome pack containing key advice including cultural safety, the Code of Rights, resources from Health Promotion Agency and New Zealand Transport Agency
- Health professionals who attend our course have a smoother transition into New Zealand general practice
- Our friendly and helpful team will answer any general questions about living in New Zealand to ensure attendees feel both supported and settled.

The three-day course is typically broken down as follows:

Day 1

- Presentation hosted by a local practitioner, describing the New Zealand working experience
- Resources supplied by Health Promotion Agency and Homecare Medical
- Online MCNZ registration meeting if required
- Four-hour resuscitation workshop.

Day 2

- An overview of the role of nurses in New Zealand
- The role of Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC)
- Safe driving in New Zealand
- Treaty of Waitangi and understanding Māori health
- Bank account registration, if required
- Tax session including issue of IRD number, if required.

Day 3

- Disparities in health outcomes presented by a local practitioner
- Work and Income and its implications in the practice
- Three-hour practical Medtech32 training (used by over 80% of rural practices)
- Medical Protection Society background
- Prescribing guidelines and pharmaceutical schedule explanation.

Who can attend?

Internationally trained GPs and Practice Nurses:

- Recruited directly into general practice
- Recruited by any recruitment company.

Pricing

For rural practices, recruiting their GP through the NZLocums' government-funded recruitment service, the course is free of charge. In all other instances, the following will apply:

Three-day Orientation with three nights' accommodation **\$1800 +GST***

Three-day Orientation without accommodation **\$1400 +GST**

Three-day Orientation attended virtually **\$1000 +GST****

*Accommodation costs may vary when hotels have limited availability. This extra cost will be on-charged to you. **Virtual Orientation has reduced programme. It is strongly recommended that Orientation is attended in person where possible to receive the full experience.

Fees may be subject to change. Please check with us for most recent information.

Spaces are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment.

Make an enquiry

For more information or to make a booking please contact the course coordinator, email ayumi@nzlocums.com or phone **04 495 5888**.

Testimonials

“From before I arrived and throughout the entire Orientation period as well as during my entire stay NZLocums was a tremendous organisation to work with. They were extremely well-organised and knew exactly what was needed to make this an absolutely fantastic experience. I can’t even begin to express how grateful I am for all their hard work. We lived a dream and I am so thankful.”

Dr Debbie Allert, USA.

“Great orientation - I really enjoyed the induction and thought that it was targeted and useful.”

Dr Colin Kenny, Northern Ireland.

“I have always found NZLocums immensely helpful, informative and well organised. The induction course prepares you well for starting work in New Zealand.”

Dr Annabelle Mascott, England.

“Having the different government organisations come and speak with us about the services provided to people in New Zealand I now have more knowledge of what programs are available to help the patients I will meet.”

Dr Michelle Cunningham, Canada

“I highly recommend the NZLocums Orientation Course for any physician coming to work in New Zealand, new or returning. The course is a fruitful use of your time, and will allow you to be more comfortable and useful to your new practice right from the start. It’s a well-organised and informative few days, and you get to meet a cohort of colleagues, and the staff at NZLocums.”

Dr Nick Gideonse, USA.

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