

TRAINING AGREEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR NON-TRADITIONAL SITES

Interns working in a shared-site arrangement are required to work a **minimum** of 35 hours per fortnight in a traditional patient-centered site (community pharmacy) and may work a **maximum** of 35 hours per fortnight in a non-traditional site.

The intern may wish to work more than 35 hours in the community pharmacy in order to gain competence. Consequently the work in the non-traditional site must be limited to 35 hours per fortnight. This stipulation recognises that interns are required to complete a number of assignments, pre-reading etc in their own time, as part of the requirements of the Intern Training Programme.

Any intern employed in a non-traditional site must work **under the direct personal supervision** of a preceptor pharmacist who has been approved by the Intern Training Programme. The pharmacist must have an APC (Annual Practising Certificate) and be at least 3 years registered in NZ, or 1 year in NZ if previously registered in another country for at least 2 years. The pharmacist may choose not to carry out any formal assessment of the intern but **is** required to act as a preceptor and attend a Workplace Assessor Training course (a one-day course held in February each year).

The preceptor may supervise up to two interns.

An 'Application for Approval of a Non-Traditional Intern Training Placement' form must be completed for **each** intern. Application forms must be received by the Intern Training Programme no later than 1 December 2008. Forms are available from Annette Straugheir, EVOLVE Intern Programme Co-ordinator, email: a.straugheir@psnz.org.nz, or are available on the PSNZ Inc website (www.psnz.org.nz) under 'INTERN', Training an Intern. Approval must be granted **before** an intern can start in their site.

Research must be directly related to pharmacy practice and the preceptor must be conducting the research. The Intern Training Programme also requires a description of the intended research project and an indication of which Competence Standards the intern will gain experience in while employed in the non-traditional site. An intern may spend up to a maximum of three hours per week either teaching, supervising or demonstrating some aspect of pharmacy practice to students.

The intern is required to keep a log recording their activities at the non-traditional site. This log must be signed by their preceptor and submitted regularly with their appraisals and evidence records.