

## NZATS Registration Exam Report 10

### The current NZATS examiners are :

Andrew Ditchburn	Technician
Andrew Warmington	Anaesthetist
Brenda Knowles	Technician
Carolyn Fowler	Anaesthetist
Hamzi Mahagna	Technician
Heather Godfrey	Technician
Julie Bromley	Technician
Katherine Hepworth	Technician
Kaylene Henderson	Technician
Krish Nayar	Anaesthetist
Lyall Trethowen	Technician
Malcolm Stuart	Anaesthetist
Mark Chapman	Anaesthetist
Nicola Smith-Guerin	Technician
Phil Eames	Anaesthetist
Stephanie Lewis	Technician
Ted Hughes	Anaesthetist

### The stats for 2010

#### **February / March**

**Part 1 MCQs:** 21 Candidates, 21 receiving 75% pass mark

**Part 2 OSCEs :** 21 Candidates, 19 successful passes

#### **September/ October**

**Part 1 MCQs:** 6 Candidates, 6 receiving 75% pass mark

**Part 2 OSCEs :** 8 candidates' 2 re sits from previous exams, 7 successful passes

### The Facts for 2010

Our year started off with a large number of candidates presenting for the registration examinations.

The exams were held at Manukau Surgery Centre and the facility was fantastic.

The logistics of the day was aided by the amazing assistance from the resident Techs.

The latter half of this year saw us relocating our exams at short notice to Palmerston North after the devastating earthquakes here in Christchurch.

Thank you to Karen Bennett who swiftly accommodated us at Palmerston North Hospital. The venue is well organised and was easy for us to examine in, as we have used it a number of times before

Our thoughts are with our colleagues down here who continue to rebuild lives and homes.

Time spent waiting is always an issue with the candidates, we try our best to reduce this ,but due to modern technology being available to us all we need be mindful that information can be exchanged quite easily, hence the need to have all candidates in the building at the same time.

### **The Feedback from examiners**

Students need to ensure that when studying for registration exams they practice writing things down, your answers need to be legible and with correct spelling, as there are a number of written stations.

Be specific when writing down your points do not use the same answers or generalisations for numerous questions, the examiners will be looking for a different answer to each question.

It's ok to state the obvious.... calling for help is something we all need to do so don't forget to mention it. It's worth one mark!

In the verbal stations, give as much information as you can, examiners will stop you when they have received what they require. Don't waste time letting them drag answers out of you.

### **Next Year**

From the beginning of next year we will be examining both Registration Exams and National Assessments on the new NZATS machine check guidelines.

It's looking like a busy a year with 43 student's enrolled in Anaesthesia three, most of whom will be eligible to sit in Feb/ March 2011 the venue for this is still being decided

Then we have the world cup rugby final clashing with our normal date in October, so we will have to do some creative planning around both of the two factors.

### **Thank you**

To all my examiners, host hospitals and helpers, thank you for your time and commitment, without you the exams could not run as smoothly or as professionally. I am grateful to you all.

Nicky Smith-Guerin, NZATS Registration Exams

