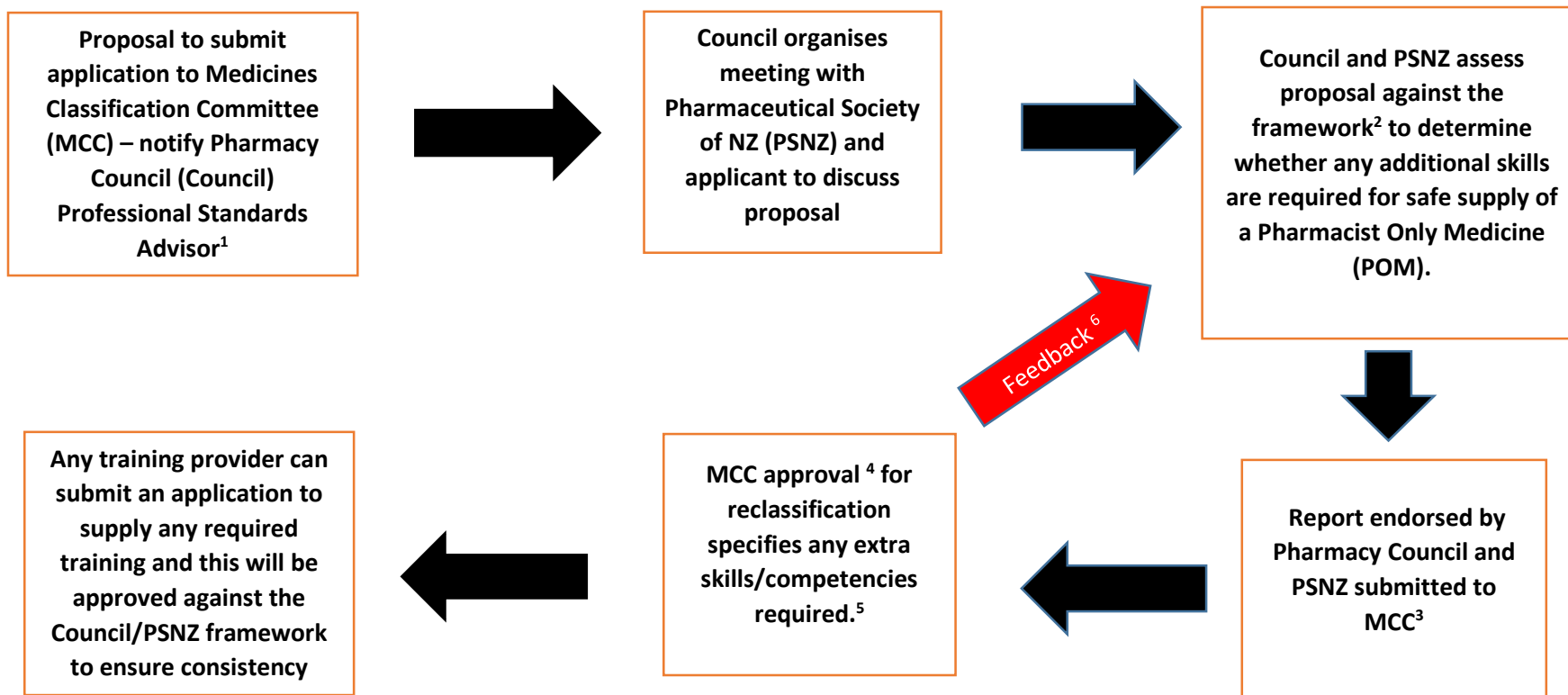


## Pharmacy Council process for medicines reclassification



Note: it is anticipated that reclassifications will be within the pharmacist scope and either some additional reading or refreshing of knowledge may be recommended/required as identified by the Pharmacy Council (Council)/Pharmaceutical Society of NZ (PSNZ) reclassification framework.

The Council/PSNZ framework will determine whether screening tools/algorithms/education or extra training is required by pharmacists. Pharmacists must be competent to supply Pharmacist Only Medicines (POM) – and if operating outside best practice, must be able to clinically justify their actions. (for example where a discussion with the patient’s GP facilitates patient focussed supply of a POM).

Submitters will have the option to forward their proposal to Council for review by Council and PSNZ against the framework or can submit a proposal to MCC at which point the Council process will be required.

1. Each proposal will need to go through the Council/PSNZ process at least once. If a submission has been through the process and MCC suggest an amendment or a resubmission the new submission will also need to be assessed by Council/PSNZ and a report provided to MCC.
2. The Council/PSNZ framework will look for evidence of collaboration with other health professionals in support of the application. Inter-professional collaboration reflecting the joint Society and New Zealand Medical Association's Integrated Practice Framework will be expected.
3. Conflict of interest between submitter and Council/PSNZ will need to be managed and in some instances a summary of the report may be more appropriate for publication on the MCC website as part of the overall process. The intention will be for the report and any recommendations as part of this process to be open and transparent.
4. In the event that the reclassification is not approved by MCC any subsequent resubmissions are likely to require reassessment by Council/PSNZ against the framework.
5. Council/PSNZ will provide some recommendations for wording of the reclassification notice to be gazetted to ensure that the wording is practical, no overly burdensome for health professionals or patients and reflects the intent of MCC process.
6. The feedback loop here requires that where a training programme has been developed in response to upskilling/additional competencies required for a particular medicine reclassification the Council/PSNZ process will ensure that the programme meets the requirements of the profession, reflects the requirements of the gazette notice and any recommendations of the report to MCC.