



NEW ZEALAND RESIDENT DOCTORS' ASSOCIATION

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Resident Doctors Issue Notice of Fourth Strike

Resident Doctors who are members of the NZRDA and employed by DHBs have voted to strike for a fourth time this year. The fourth 48-hour strike is scheduled for February 26 and 27.

“RMOs have been overwhelmingly consistent in voting in favour of strike action. As we continue to gain new members, the determination and strength of our resident doctors is reflected in our ballots. Until the DHBs accept that we will not give up essential clauses in our contract that safeguard our members, we will continue with planned strike action,” says David Munro, Senior Advocate.

Mediation between the RDA and the DHBs will resume on Friday 15 February.

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Resident Doctors and Senior Medical Officers

Resident Doctors are also known as RMOs or Resident Medical Officers. The term SMO (Senior Medical Officer) is the equivalent term for Senior Doctors or consultants working in NZ's public health system. Resident doctors are registered medical practitioners ranging from new graduates fresh out of medical school through to vocationally registered GPs and SMOs. They can be a resident doctor for up to 13 years, during which time they continue with postgraduate training in specialist fields such as GP, paediatrics, surgery, pathology, and so on. Once they complete this additional training they become GPs or SMOs.