



NEW ZEALAND RESIDENT DOCTORS' ASSOCIATION

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Second Resident Doctor Strike Ends as Determination Gains Momentum

The second Resident Doctor strike has been effective, the NZRDA has announced today.

The 48-hour strike began on Tuesday 29 January and ended at 8am this morning. RMOs on picket lines across the country in Auckland, Wellington, Christchurch, Waikato, Hawke's Bay and Dunedin, were joined by other health practitioners and members of the public supporting them. The strike has also seen a significant increase in participation from RMOs joining the cause.

"Momentum is clearly building, with the 1 March deadline fast approaching," says David Munro, Senior Advocate. "The determination of Resident Doctors to get their MECA settled with key protections still in place is not wavering – if anything their resolve is strengthening."

Resident Doctors who are members of the RDA and employed by DHBs have voted to strike for a third time this year. The third 48-hour strike is scheduled for February 12 and 13, and balloting on a potential fourth strike is also underway.

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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.