



GUIDELINES ON THE RECOGNITION OF OVERSEAS TRAINING & SPECIALIST QUALIFICATIONS SUITABLE FOR SHORT TERM TRAINING POSITIONS

1. INTRODUCTION

The Medical Board of Australia (MBA) provides three (3) pathways for international medical graduates (IMGs) within the so-called Specialist Pathway:

- overseas-trained specialists applying for assessment of comparability to the standard of a specialist trained in that specialty in Australia (Specialist Recognition)
- overseas-trained specialists applying for an area of need specialist level position in Australia (Area of Need)
- overseas-trained specialists or specialists-in-training wishing to undertake a short period of specialist or advanced training in Australia (short term training).

Matters relating to all three pathways are administered through the College's Specialist International Medical Graduate (SIMG) Assessment Committee.

These guidelines address matters specific to overseas-trained specialists and overseas specialists-in-training wishing to undertake a short period of specialist or advanced training in emergency medicine in Australia.

2. SPECIALIST PATHWAY - SHORT TERM TRAINING

2.1 Application and Registration Process

Under the short-term training pathway:

- the IMG applies for and is offered a short-term training position
- the IMG then applies to the Australian Medical Council (AMC) for primary source verification (PSV) of their medical qualification(s)
- the IMG applies to ACEM using the MBA application form for short term training ([AAMC-30 Application for Assessment by a Medical College](#))
- ACEM assesses the suitability of the training position for the specific applicant
- the IMG applies to the MBA for 'limited registration for postgraduate training or supervised practice'
- with reference to the College's advice and any other information relevant to registration, the MBA decides whether to grant the IMG registration

Further information in relation to the Short-term Training Pathway is available on the MBA website at: www.medicalboard.gov.au/Registration/International-Medical-Graduates/Specialist-Pathway/Short-term-training.aspx

2.2 Assessment of Suitability

ACEM will advise the MBA, through submission of the MBA form for short term training (AAMC-30 Application for Assessment by a Medical College), of the **suitability** or otherwise of the training position/program for the IMG. This decision is made having regard to the information provided with the application.

In assessing overseas specialists-in-training, it is generally expected that the IMG will have passed the examinations of their specialist training program and/or be no more than two (2) years from completing the requirements of their specialist training program.

ACEM will also consider the extent to which the short term training position will afford the IMG experience not normally be available in their own country. ACEM will not support short term training applications that serve solely to fill workforce shortages.

2.3 Specialist Pathway Registration

The MBA requires this advice from the College to assist in deciding on the eligibility of the IMG for registration on the Specialist Pathway.

On the basis of ACEM's assessment of the suitability or otherwise of the training position/program for the IMG, and any other information relevant to registration, the MBA will decide whether to grant the IMG registration to enable them to occupy the short-term training position they have been offered.

3. APPEALS

IMGs may seek reconsideration, review and/or appeal of their assessment decision through the provisions of the ACEM *Reconsideration, Review and Appeals Policy*.

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- *Reconsideration, Review and Appeals Policy* (COR355)

5. DOCUMENT REVIEW

Timeframe for review: every two (2) years, or earlier if required.

5.1 Responsibilities

Document authorisation: Council of Education
Document implementation: Director, Education / relevant Unit Manager
Document maintenance: Manager, Standards

5.2 Revision History

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