

Overseas Medical Practitioner Registration Process



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1 AMC

In order to apply for a visa, an overseas trained doctor must first meet the AMC Application requirements. The AMC verifies credentials by checking all of the following documents and completed forms. Qualifications and identity documents must be submitted as certified copies with the application to the AMC. For more information please go to: <http://www.amc.org.au/index.php/ass/apo/spp>

- AMC forms SA (or P1) and SB
- Primary medical degree, Educational International Credentials Service (EICS) verification via the Educational Commission for Foreign medical Graduates (ECFMG), Philadelphia
- Overseas general practice specialist qualification, verification via EICS
- Evidence of English language proficiency to the standard of the MBA's policy
- Curriculum vitae
- Passport
- Current medical registration from the overseas country of practice
- Certificate of good standing from the government body that certifies general practice/family medicine in the country of practice

2 RACGP

The RACGP will also require the following documentation for CATEGORY 1 medical practitioners which can be submitted to the AMC in the first application:

- Documentary evidence of an offer of an approved general practice position in Australia, via a letter from the prospective employer or recruitment agency;
- Evidence of participation in continuing professional development (including continuing medical education).

PLEASE NOTE: If these documents are not submitted in the first application to the AMC, there may be a delay in processing the application by the RACGP.

3 VISA

Refer to your Registered Migration Agent for up to date forms and requirements.

4 AHPRA

As soon as the Doctor arrives in Australia, he or she must complete the following stages of the Registration Process with the Medical Board. An application will pass through the first four stages, as outlined below, but may pass up to eight stages.

- Stage 1: Application
- Stage 2: Assessment
- Stage 3: National Board Decision
- Stage 4: Registration

If a National Board accepts the application with conditions or rejects the application, the applicant will be informed at this stage. The applicant may then elect to make a submission to the National Board which may involve the following further stages: **Stage 5: Submission, Stage 6: Submission Assessment, Stage 7: Tribunal and Stage 8: Withdrawn Incomplete.** If a required response from the applicant is not received within a reasonable period, the application is closed - withdrawn and incomplete.

Please refer to the AHPRA website for a list of forms for the registration process:
<http://www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Registration-Process/Common-Application-Forms.aspx>

5 PNA

Once Medical Board registration has been completed, overseas trained doctors are required to submit a section 19AB exemption in order to secure a provider number. Please refer to the Medicare forms guide: <http://www.medicareaustralia.gov.au/provider/pubs/medicare-forms/files/0266-1203-application-for-initial-medicare-provider-registration-number-medical-practitioner.pdf>

6 CREDENTIALS

In order to provide services through public hospitals / Health Services, doctors need to be credentialed through WA Health Service. For more information on who needs to be credentialed, please refer to: <http://www.health.wa.gov.au/circularsnew/attachments/372.pdf>