

Good afternoon,

I have been asked to provide feedback on the above document.

I apologise but my feedback is generally limited in its content, however, I hope it is of some help to you.

Comments/feedback for you:

1. I would go with Option 2 where the applicant is required to provide evidence of a criminal history clearance from their country of origin. This puts the onus of responsibility with the applicant to ensure they have the appropriate documentation before they are registered. This may delay their application, however, some robust clearance should take place as a minimum in my view.
2. As I read this document it appears to me that a potential employee can arrive in Australia on a 457 visa then apply for registration through AHPRA and yet not have to provide any evidence at all that they no criminal convictions other than their statutory declaration. A large percentage of medical employees arrive on this class of visa, surely there should be something more formal than a simple declaration?

I understand that this whole issue is very complex, however, as a minimum I believe that Option 2 is the way forward.

I hope this helps. Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of any more help.

Best wishes

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