

Competent Authority pathway

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Eligible offshore courses – Categories B and F

Eligibility

For the Competent Authority pathway categories B and F, the Medical Board of Australia will accept applicants who have successfully completed an accredited medical course undertaken in the competent authority country (United Kingdom or Ireland) or undertaken wholly or partially outside the competent authority country. To be eligible for the Competent Authority pathway, via a course conducted wholly or partially outside the competent authority country, they must be on this list. This list will be reviewed regularly.

Some offshore courses are no longer offered, but their past graduates can continue to apply for the Competent Authority pathway.

Category B – United Kingdom General Medical Council

School	Newcastle University Medicine Malaysia (NUMed)
Country	Malaysia
Qualification	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)
Conferring university	Newcastle University
Duration	5 years

School	University of Southampton
Program name	Kassel School of Medicine BM (EU) Europe Medicine Programme
Country	United Kingdom and Germany
Qualification	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (BMBS)
Conferring university	University of Southampton
Duration	5 years

School	Queen Mary University of London, Barts and the London School of Medicine Malta
Program name	Medicine MBBS Malta (<i>note – course commenced 2017</i>)
Country	Malta
Qualification	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)
Conferring university	Queen Mary University of London (Barts and The London School of Medicine and Dentistry)
Duration	5 years

School	St George's University of London/University of Nicosia Medical School
	(<i>note university name change from 2024</i>) City St George's, University of London/ University of Nicosia Medical School
Program name	St George's 4-Year MBBS Program at University of Nicosia (<i>note – this course had last intake in 2021 and is in teach out phase</i>)
Country	Cyprus, Israel (Tel Aviv) and United States of America (Chicago)
Qualification	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)
Conferring university	St George's University of London (<i>note university name change from 2024</i>) City St George's, University of London/ University of Nicosia Medical School
Duration	4 years

School	St George's University of London
Program name	International Medicine (6-year) BSc/MBBS (<i>note – this course is no longer offered</i>)
Country	United Kingdom and United States of America
Qualification	Bachelor of Science (BSc); Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)
Conferring university	St George's University of London
Duration	6 years

School	St George's University of London
Program name	International Graduate Medicine (4-year) MBBS <i>(note – this course is no longer offered)</i>
Country	United Kingdom and United States of America
Qualification	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS)
Conferring university	St George's University of London
Duration	4 years

Note: IMU University, Malaysia

IMU University in Malaysia has a partnership arrangement with some GMC-accredited universities in the UK. Students start their medical studies at IMU and complete the first years of study in Malaysia. They then transfer to a GMC-accredited university in the UK and receive credits for subjects successfully completed. Graduates are awarded a GMC-accredited qualification from the UK and are eligible for category B. As this is a course transfer and the study in Malaysia is not provided by the UK university, they are not 'offshore' courses and are not on this list.

Category F – Ireland – Medical Council of Ireland

School	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland and University College Dublin Malaysia Campus (formerly Penang Medical College)
Country	Ireland and Malaysia
Qualification	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of the Art of Obstetrics (MB, BCh, BAO)
Conferring university	National University of Ireland
Duration	5 years

School	Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland Medical University of Bahrain
Country	Bahrain
Qualification	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of the Art of Obstetrics (MB, BCh, BAO)
Conferring university	National University of Ireland
Duration	5 years

School	Perdana University Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland <i>(note – this course is no longer offered, 2024 graduates are the last graduates with a NUI qualification)</i>
Country	Malaysia
Qualification	Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery, Bachelor of the Art of Obstetrics (MB, BCh, BAO)
Conferring university	National University of Ireland
Duration	5 years