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Dear Madam/Sir

RE: International Criminal History Checks Consultation Paper

Thank you for asking The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (the College) to comment on the above.

The College would like to suggest that the Medical Board of Australia (MBA) publish those crimes which will bar someone from registering, so that those with minor infringements will not be discouraged from applying, while signalling to those with such barred criminal records not to apply.

Regarding the preferred Option, the College would like to suggest a combination of Option 2 and 4, ie. Applicants provide criminal clearance certificates and the MBA perform random audits.

Yours sincerely

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