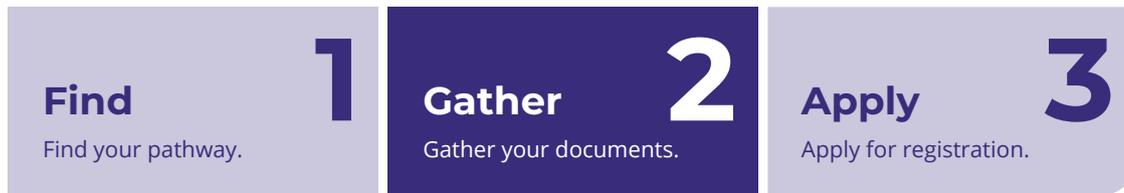


## Expedited Specialist pathway – Specialist registration



### Who should use this checklist

This checklist is for specialist international medical graduates (SIMGs) who are applying for specialist registration on the Expedited Specialist pathway.

### When to use this checklist

Use this checklist after you have used the [self-assessment tool](#) to find your pathway. It will help you gather all the information and documents you need to apply for specialist registration.

### How to use this checklist

Gather the information and documents listed in the checklist. Check things off when you have the information or documents.

When you have everything, use the **Ahpra portal to apply**.

- If you have an Ahpra portal already, [start here](#).
- If you don't have an Ahpra portal, you can [set one up here](#).

### Symbols in this checklist



There are some known issues with our online form. We are working to fix these. Follow the instructions where you see this symbol.



**Enter** this information directly in the online form.



**Upload** the document when prompted in the online form.

- If your documents are not in English they need to be translated. Read about translating documents on the [Ahpra website](#).
- Letters from health services and employers must be on the organisation's letterhead.
- Some documents need to be certified. Read [how to certify documents on the Ahpra website](#).



**Arrange** for the organisation to send the details directly to Ahpra.



**Link** for you to share information with, or request information from, a third party.

## Start a new application – select your registration type

You need to tell us which specialty you are applying for.

While the online form will display all specialties, only the following are currently available under the Expedited Specialist Pathway:

- anaesthesia
- general practice
- obstetrics and gynaecology
- paediatrics and child health – general paediatrics
- physician – general medicine
- psychiatry.

Please select one of the specialties listed above.

## Personal details



You'll need this information to complete the online form:

- Current and past legal names.
- Addresses (Australia or overseas)
  - residential
  - mailing (if different)
  - your principal place of practice (main place of work) of your proposed position in Australia.
- Email address. Unique to you and not linked to anyone else's Ahpra account.

## Name change



You'll need to upload these documents in the online form:

If you've had a name change, you'll need to upload these documents in the online form:

- Certified copy of birth certificate.
- Certified copy of any certificate or other legal documents to confirm name changes.

## Proof of identity

We use InstaID+ to complete an identity check. After you have submitted your application you will receive an email with a secure link to complete your proof of identity check.



If you are applying for registration from outside of Australia, these are the documents you will need to provide to InstaID+:

- Passport (an EU card is not acceptable).
- At least two of the following documents:
  - driver's licence (current driver's licence issued by a country other than Australia with photo and signature)
  - birth certificate (full birth certificate, not an extract or birth card)
  - marriage certificate (government issued by the relevant agency)
  - identity card issued by a country other than Australia
  - credit card or debit card (the system automatically masks your card number for privacy).
- Evidence of a change of name or name variation (if required).

## Registration pathway – Expedited Specialist pathway

This is for SIMGs who are applying for specialist registration on the Expedited Specialist pathway who hold an accepted qualification on the [Expedited Specialist pathway: accepted qualifications](#) list.

See *Qualifications* in the next section for the documents you need to upload.

## Qualifications

You need your qualifications verified by the Australian Medical Council (AMC). You will need to create an AMC account to do this. Go to the [AMC Primary Source Verification page](#) to learn what to do.



### You'll need this information to complete the online form:

- Australian Medical Council candidate number.
- Details of your primary medical qualification.
- A declaration confirming your specialist qualification is on the [Expedited Specialist pathway: accepted qualifications](#) list.
- Details of your specialist qualification.



### You'll need to upload these documents in the online form:

- A certified copy of your primary medical qualification.
- A certified copy of your specialist medical qualification(s) – see next section for details.

## Specialist medical qualifications [Select the one relevant to you]

### Anaesthesia



### You'll need to upload this document in the online form:

#### Ireland

- A certified copy of your fellowship certificate issued by the College of Anaesthesiologists of Ireland (or as previously named, the College of Anaesthetists of Ireland) (FCAI) issued from July 2012, **and**
- A certified copy of your Certificate of Satisfactory Completion of Specialist Training (CSCST) issued by the College of Anaesthesiologists of Ireland from July 2012.

#### United Kingdom

- A certified copy of your fellowship certificate, issued by the Royal College of Anaesthetists (FRCA) or the College of Anaesthesiologists of Ireland (FCAI), issued from August 2007, **and**
- A certified copy of your Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT), issued by the Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board or the General Medical Council (GMC), **and**
- Confirmation of specialist training posts from the GMC (see Confirmation of UK training and acquired rights).

*Note: The Board may request additional information to confirm that the qualifications meet the Board's requirements. Ahpra will tell you if this is required.*

### General practice



### You'll need to upload this document in the online form:

#### Ireland

- A certified copy of your membership certificate of the Irish College of General Practitioners (MICGP), **and**
- A certified copy of your Certificate of Satisfactory Completion of Specialist Training (CSCST) issued by the Irish College of General Practitioners (ICGP) from 2009, **and**
- A certified copy of a letter from the ICGP confirming that the qualification was awarded under any ICGP curriculum from 2009 after completion of the 4-year general practice training program (or Recognition of Prior Learning scheme) under an approved GP training scheme in Ireland.

#### New Zealand

- A certified copy of your fellowship certificate of the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners (FRNZCGP) issued from 2012, **and**
- A certified copy of a letter from RNZCGP confirming that fellowship was awarded under any RNZCGP curriculum from 2012 following satisfactory completion of the General Practice Education Programme (GPEP).

### United Kingdom

- A certified copy of your membership certificate of the Royal College of General Practitioners (MRCGP) issued from August 2007, **and**
- A certified copy of your Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) awarded by the General Medical Council (GMC) or the Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board, **and**
- Confirmation of specialist or GP training posts from the GMC (see [Confirmation of UK training and acquired rights](#))

*Note: The Board may request additional information to confirm that the qualifications meet the Board's requirements. Ahpra will tell you if this is required.*

## Obstetrics and gynaecology



You'll need to upload this document in the online form:

### Ireland

- A certified copy of your membership certificate of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (MRCPI) issued from July 2010, **and**
- A certified copy of your Certificate of Satisfactory Completion of Specialist Training (CSCST) issued by the RCPI, **and**
- Evidence of completion of examinations leading to Membership of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (presently Part 1, 2 and 3, or pre-2015 Part 1 and 2).

### United Kingdom

- A certified copy of your membership certificate of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (MRCOG) awarded under any curriculum from August 2007, **and**
- A certified copy of your Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) awarded by the General Medical Council (GMC) or the Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board, **and**
- Confirmation of specialist training posts from the GMC (see [Confirmation of UK training and acquired rights](#)).

#### Note

- *The Board may request additional information to confirm that the qualifications meet the Board's requirements. Ahpra will tell you if this is required.*
- *Completion of training in colposcopy is required. If you have completed colposcopy training before you apply for specialist registration you can submit evidence of certification or successful completion of training by the colposcopy training provider. See the MBA's [Guidance – Colposcopy requirements for obstetricians and gynaecologists in the Expedited Specialist pathway](#) for the requirements and evidence required.*

## Paediatrics and child health – general paediatrics



You'll need to upload this document in the online form:

### Ireland

- A certified copy of your membership certificate of the Royal College of Physicians of Ireland (MRCPI) in paediatrics issued from July 2010.
- A certified copy of your Certificate of Satisfactory Completion of Specialist Training (CSCST) in paediatrics, issued by the RCPI from July 2010.

### United Kingdom

- A certified copy of your membership certificate of the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (MRCPCH) issued from August 2007.
- A certified copy of your Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) in General paediatrics awarded by the General Medical Council (GMC) or the Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board
- Confirmation of specialist training posts from the GMC (see [Confirmation of UK training and acquired rights](#)).

## Physician – general medicine



You'll need to upload this document in the online form:

### United Kingdom

- A certified copy of your membership certificate of the Royal College of Physicians of the United Kingdom (MRCP(UK)).
- A certified copy of your Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) awarded by the GMC or the Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board in General (Internal) Medicine and/or Acute Internal Medicine.
- Confirmation of specialist training posts from the GMC (see [Confirmation of UK training and acquired rights](#)).

## Psychiatry



You'll need to upload this document in the online form:

### United Kingdom

- A certified copy of your membership certificate of the Royal College of Psychiatrists awarded under any curriculum from August 2007, **and**
- A certified copy of your Certificate of Completion of Training (CCT) awarded by the General Medical Council (GMC) or Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board, **and**
- Confirmation of specialist training posts from the GMC (see [Confirmation of UK training and acquired rights](#)).

*Note: The Board may request additional information to confirm that the qualifications meet the Board's requirements. Ahpra will tell you if this is required*

## Second specialist qualification



You'll need this information to complete the online form:

- You will be asked the question 'Are there any additional medical qualifications, examinations or assessments relevant to your application?'  
If you have a second specialist qualification, select 'Qualification' from the available tick boxes and add the qualification details.



You'll need to upload this document in the online form:

- A certified copy of your second specialist qualification.

## Orientation and cultural safety

The Board's Registration standard: Specialist registration requires all medical practitioners to satisfactorily complete a Board-approved orientation to the Australian healthcare system and cultural safety education. If you have not completed this, the Board may impose conditions on your registration to meet this requirement.



You'll need this information to complete the online form:

- Tell us whether you have previously satisfactorily completed a Board-approved orientation to the Australian health-care system.
- Tell us whether you have previously satisfactorily completed Board-approved cultural safety education.

## Overseas medical internship

You must successfully complete your internship (or comparable) before you can apply for this registration. The evidence you submit will depend on where you did your internship.



### You'll need to upload this document in the online form:

One of the following:

- A certified copy of your internship certificate, **or**
- Letter given to you by the medical regulator or employer that confirms you completed your internship, **or**
- A certified copy of your academic transcript for your medical degree that shows you completed your internship.

## Recency of practice

You will be asked to confirm that you meet the requirements of the Medical Board of Australia's (the Board) [Registration standard – Recency of practice](#).

You must have practised a minimum of:

- 152 hours (4 weeks full time equivalent) in the past year, **or**
- 456 hours (3 months full time equivalent) over the last 3 years.

If you do not meet the requirements, you will need to attach extra information to your application. The Board will consider this information when deciding your application.



### You'll need this information to complete the online form:

Confirm if you meet the Board's recency of practice registration standard.

Explain any gaps.

Attach the documents below to address the gaps.



### You'll need to upload this document in the online form:

If you have two or more years' clinical experience and have been away from practice for **12 to 36 months**

details of 50 hours of continuing professional development (CPD) completed.

If you have two or more years' clinical experience and have been away from practice for **more than 36 months**

a plan for professional development and re-entry to practice. See the [template on the Board's website](#)

If you are changing your scope of practice to a different field:

a professional development plan.

## Overseas registration



### You'll need this information to complete the online form:

Details of where you have been registered as a health practitioner in the past 10 years.



### You'll need to arrange for the organisation to send details directly to Ahpra:

Arrange for every regulatory authority you have been registered with in the past 10 years to email the following documents to [COGS@ahpra.gov.au](mailto:COGS@ahpra.gov.au). The document(s) **must** be dated within 3 months of Ahpra receiving your application.

One of the following:

- Certificate of registration status (CORS)/Certificate of good standing (COGS), **or**
- Other evidence that shows you were entitled to practise the profession in the country:
  - a statement from a professional association
  - reference letters or statements of service from employers, **or**
- a declaration that there are no requirements to hold registration in the country (upload a statutory declaration).

## Work practice history



You'll need this information to complete the online form:

Details of your work practice history that include:

- Employer name
- Job title
- Employment status (i.e. full- or part-time)
- Employment dates and, if you were not employed full-time, hours worked per fortnight
- Enter more information for any gaps longer than 3 months.



You'll need to upload this document in the online form:

Curriculum vitae. See [Standard format for curriculum vitae](#) on the Ahpra website.

## Continuing professional development

Unless you are exempt, you will need a CPD home.

Read the CPD home information on the [Board's website](#) to check if you need to join a CPD home.



You'll need this information to complete the online form:

Name of your proposed CPD home.

## Criminal history

You need to declare any criminal history in all countries, including Australia. You need to tell us if you have ever been:

- charged with an offence punishable by 12 months' imprisonment or more, or
- convicted or found guilty of an offence punishable by imprisonment in Australia and/or overseas.

### Domestic



You'll need this information to complete the online form:

The online form will ask you if you have lived in or visited Australia before. If yes:

declare if you have any criminal history

for each criminal history event, you need to give a summary of what happened, when it happened, why it happened and what you have done to correct your conduct.



You'll need to upload this document in the online form:

Any documentation to support the information you have entered.

### International



You'll need this information to complete the online form:

Declare if you have lived overseas for six consecutive months or more as an adult.

Declare any international criminal history.

For each criminal history event, you need to give a summary of what happened, when it happened, why it happened and what you have done to correct your conduct.



**You'll need to arrange for the organisation to send details directly to Ahpra:**



Apply for an International Criminal History Check (ICHC) from an Ahpra-approved provider. Read *Applying for an ICHC* on the [International Criminal History check](#) page.

## English language skills

You must provide evidence that you meet one of the following pathways of the Board's [English language skills registration standard](#):

- combined education pathway
- school education pathway
- advanced education pathway, or
- test pathway.



**You'll need this information to complete the online form:**



Confirm the pathway you meet.



**You'll need to upload this document in the online form:**



Information listed in Ahpra's [Evidence guide](#) to show you meet the English language skills pathway.

## Professional indemnity insurance

You must meet the Board's [Professional indemnity insurance registration standard](#).



**You'll need this information to complete the online form:**



Confirm that you will be covered by appropriate insurance (this may be your own policy or your employers).

## Exposure prone procedures



**You'll need this information to complete the online form:**



You'll need to confirm that you will follow the guidelines below if you are granted registration and intend to perform exposure-prone procedures:

- Board's guidelines for [Registered health practitioners and students in relation to blood borne viruses](#), and
- [Australian national guidelines for the management of healthcare workers living with blood borne viruses and healthcare workers who perform exposure prone procedures at risk of exposure to blood borne viruses](#).

## Impairment



**You'll need this information to complete the online form:**



Declare if you have an impairment. This means you have a physical or mental impairment, disability, condition or disorder (including substance abuse or dependence) that detrimentally affects or is likely to detrimentally affect your capacity to practise the profession.



### You'll need to upload this document in the online form:

- If you declare you have an impairment, provide information to explain:
  - the nature of your condition
  - how long you have had the condition
  - if the condition is expected to resolve, a timeframe
  - whether you have a treatment plan from a registered health practitioner (it is optional to provide the treatment plan)
  - details of how you manage your impairment so you can practise safely as a medical practitioner.
- Attach any supporting material for your statement.

## Mandatory declarations

You will be asked whether your registration in Australia and/or in any other country:

- is suspended or cancelled
- has ever been suspended or cancelled
- has ever had conditions, undertakings or limitations.

You will be asked whether you:

- are disqualified from applying for registration, or being registered, in any health profession
- are the subject of conduct, performance or health proceedings
- have ever been the subject of conduct, performance or health proceedings.

You will also be asked whether anyone has complained about you to a registration authority or another entity having functions about health practitioner's services or the regulation of health practitioners in Australia or another country.



### You'll need this information to complete the online form:

- If you answer 'yes' to any of these questions, you'll need to provide:
  - details of the registration type
  - the name of the regulatory authority
  - details of the issue and any action taken by the authority.



### You'll need to upload this document in the online form:

- Attach any supporting material for your statement(s).

## Your right to practise your profession

You will be asked whether, during your last period of registration, your right to practise at a hospital or health facility in Australia or another country was removed or restricted because of your conduct, professional performance, or health.



### You'll need this information to complete the online form:

- If you answer 'yes', you'll need to provide an explanation of:
  - what happened
  - what action you took in response
  - what action others have taken, and who took the action, and
  - whether the matter is resolved or there is an ongoing investigation.



### You'll need to upload this document in the online form:

- Attach any supporting material for your statement(s).

## Supervised practice

You must complete six months of supervised practice in Australia at a specialist level.

There are multiple documents that you, your employer, and your supervisor need to complete. This includes separate PDF forms. You need to:

- download the forms
- ask your employer and supervisor to complete the relevant sections
- attach the completed and signed forms with your application.

If you are currently registered and practising in Australia and have already satisfactorily completed the supervised practice, you will not be required to do it again. You must provide the evidence below.



**Attach these documents even if not asked in the online form.**



**You'll need this information to complete the online form:**

Confirm whether you have satisfactorily completed an approved period of supervised practice as a medical practitioner in a specialist position in Australia.

If you haven't, we'll ask whether you have proposed supervised practice arrangements.



**If you have a proposed position, you'll need to upload these documents in the online form:**

Supervised practice plan – SPPA-00

Supervised practice plan – Section G (completed with details specific to the SIMG)

Position description

Letter of offer/Employment contract

Curriculum vitae of the proposed supervisor(s).

Note: Forms SPPA-00 and Section G are on the Board's [Specialist registration webpage](#).

**If you have already satisfactorily completed the supervised practice, upload this document in the online form:**

Work performance report for IMGs with limited or provisional registration - WRIG-30 (confirming period of supervised practice completed).

## Authorised representative

If you want someone else to [act on your behalf to manage your application](#) you will need to provide their details.

They will need to have an Ahpra portal. You need to confirm that the person is aware that you have nominated them.



**You'll need this information to complete the online form:**

Enter their name as it appears in their Ahpra portal, and their:

- relationship to you
- contact details – including phone and email address (the email address must be the one linked to their Ahpra portal).

## Declaration



**You'll need this information to complete the online form:**

If you want to seek fellowship, we will ask whether you consent to share your contact details with the relevant AMC-accredited Australian specialist medical college.

If you provide consent, you will need to select the relevant college.

**Have you got everything? Once you do, log in to apply.**