

Expedited Specialist pathway Monthly report

May 2025



Introduction

The Expedited Specialist pathway is for specialist international medical graduates (SIMGs) with an international specialist medical qualification on the Medical Board’s *Expedited Specialist pathway: accepted qualifications list*. The Expedited Specialist pathway is open for general practice, anaesthetics, psychiatry, and obstetrics and gynaecology. This monthly report provides information on the progress with Expedited Specialist pathway applications and registrations.

Summary

As of 29 May 2025:

- **322** internationally qualified specialists have applied for registration in Australia since the pathway opened
- Of these, **18** applications were for anaesthetics, **271** applications were for general practice, **8** applications were for obstetrics and gynaecology and **25** applications were for psychiatry
- **150** applicants have been registered – 1 anaesthetist, 146 general practitioners and 3 psychiatrists
- **86%** of applicants are from the United Kingdom
- **123** supervised practice arrangements have been approved. Of these SIMGs have commenced work in every state and territory except Tasmania.

Applications

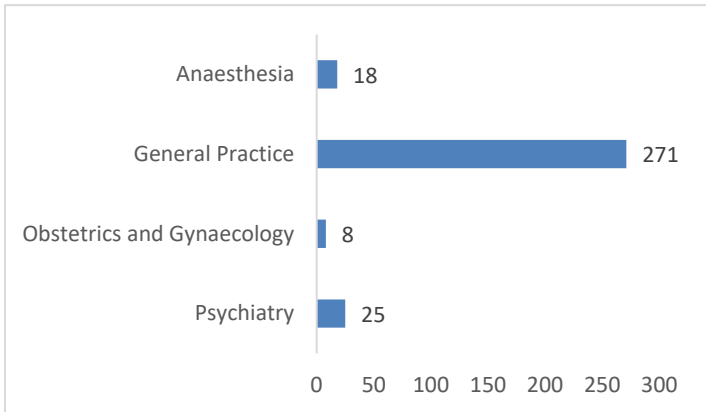


Figure 1 – Total applications by specialty

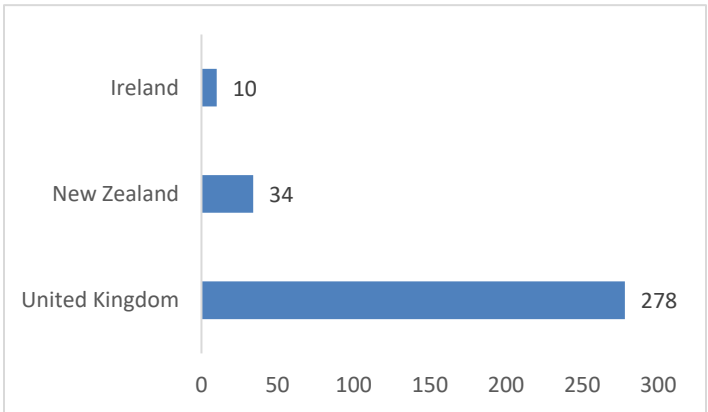


Figure 2 – Total application by country of specialist qualification

Registration

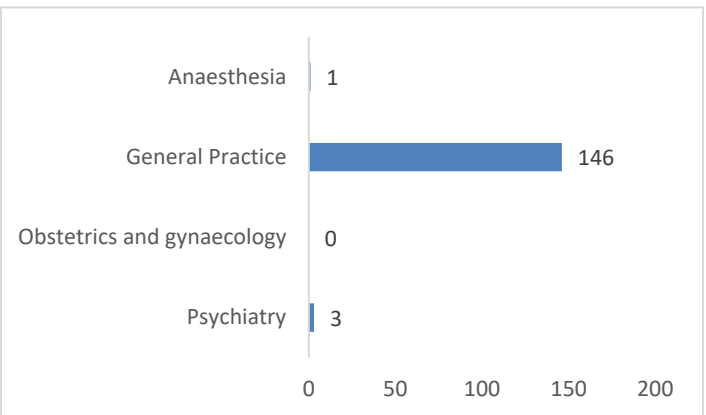


Figure 3 – Total registrations by specialty

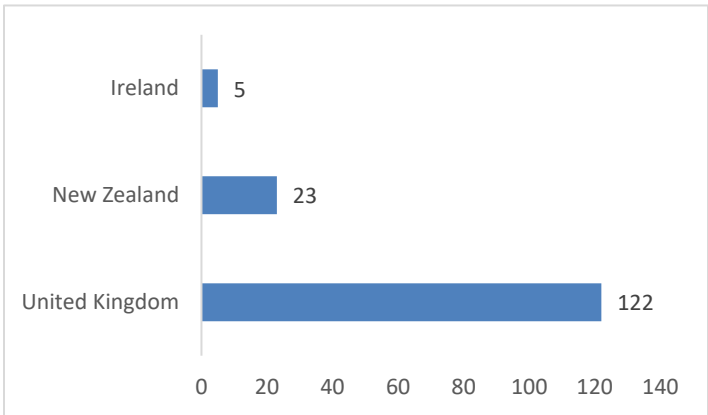


Figure 4 – Total registrations by country of specialist qualification

State and Territory information

SIMGs nominate a principal place of practice as part of their supervised practice plan. A SIMG may include a supervised practice plan with their application for registration, or alternatively, after being granted specialist registration. The Medical Board must approve the supervised practice plan before the SIMG can commence practise.

The graph below details the state or territory location of specialist registrants on the Expedited Specialist pathway. This includes SIMGs who have been registered but are yet to have an approved supervised practice plan (no SPP).

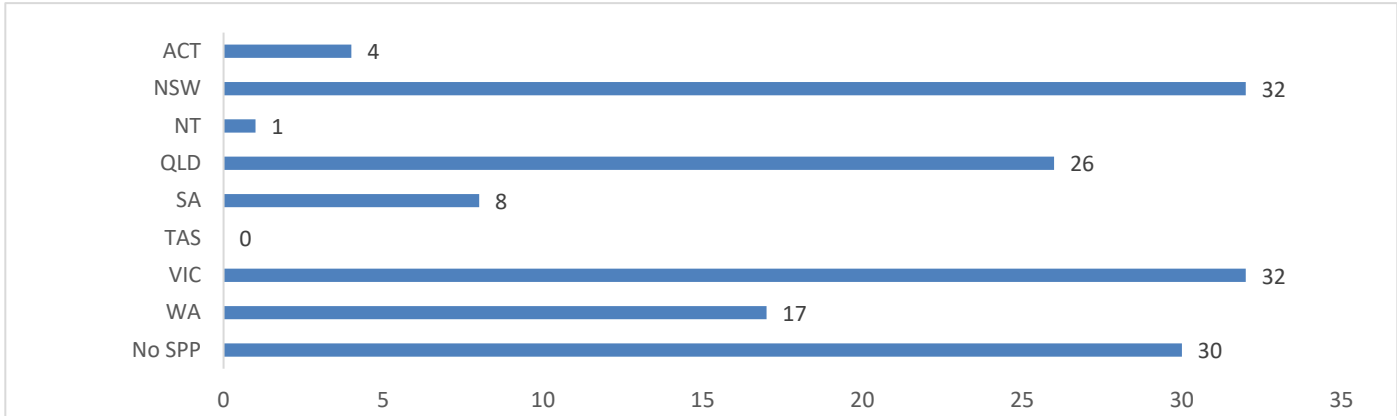


Figure 5: Number of specialist registrants on the Expedited Specialist pathway by State and Territory