

Expedited Specialist pathway

Monthly report



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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. The data is cumulative from the opening of the Expedited Specialist pathway on 21 October 2024.

Summary

As of 30 November 2025:

- 622 internationally qualified specialists have applied for registration in Australia since the pathway opened
- Of these, 31 applications were for anaesthetics, 533 applications were for general practice, 14 applications were for obstetrics and gynaecology, and 44 applications were for psychiatry
- 432 applicants have been registered through the Expedited Specialist pathway (section 58(b) of the National Law) – 16 anaesthetists, 379 general practitioners, 6 obstetricians and gynaecologists and 31 psychiatrists
- An additional 2 applicants applied for specialist registration under the Expedited Specialist pathway but were assessed as ineligible for the pathway but were qualified for specialist registration under section 58(c) of the National Law and have been registered
- 12 applicants who applied through the Expedited Specialist pathway have been granted registration through alternative registration pathways (i.e. granted provisional registration via the competent authority pathway or specialist registration based on holding Fellowship)
- 135 applications are in various stages of assessment and are yet to be finalised. This includes waiting for information from the applicant or third parties, decisions pending by the Board and the process of finalising registration
- 37 applications have been withdrawn, and 4 applications have been refused by the Medical Board
- 85.9% of applicants are from the United Kingdom
- 358 supervised practice arrangements have been approved to enable SIMGs to commence work in every state and territory.

Applications

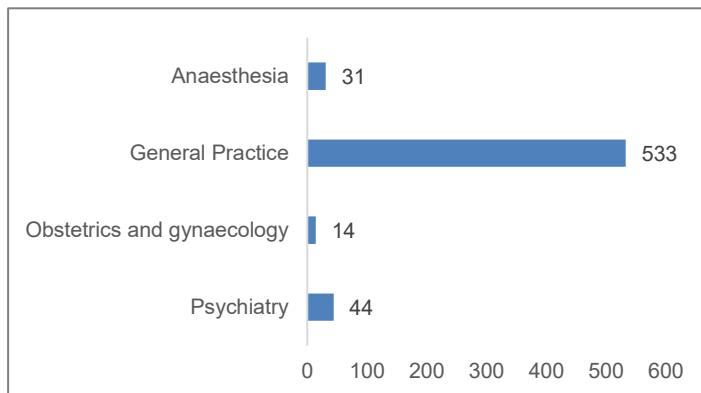


Figure 1 – Total applications by specialty

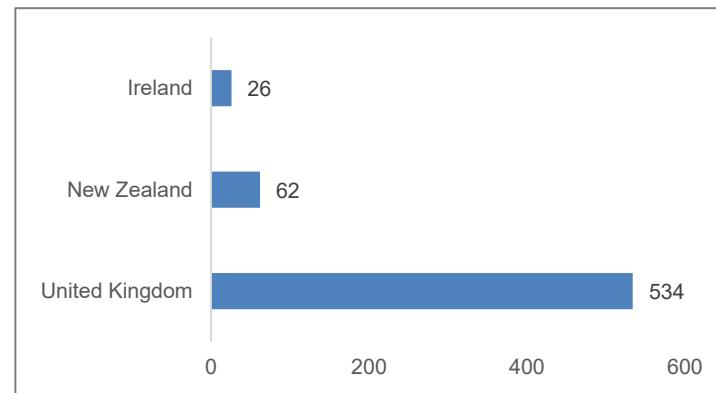


Figure 2 – Total applications by country of specialist qualification

Registration

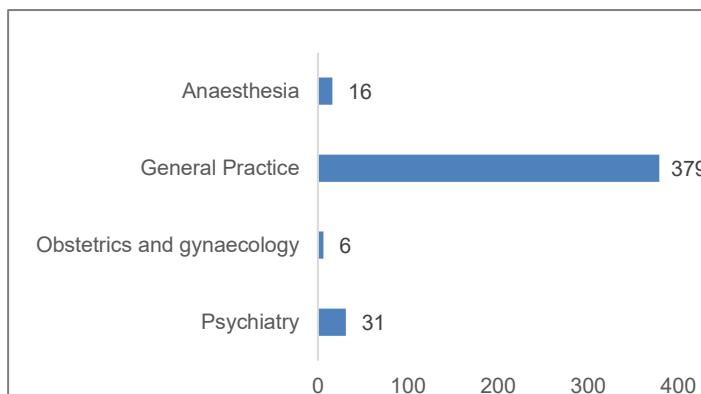


Figure 3 – Total registrations by specialty

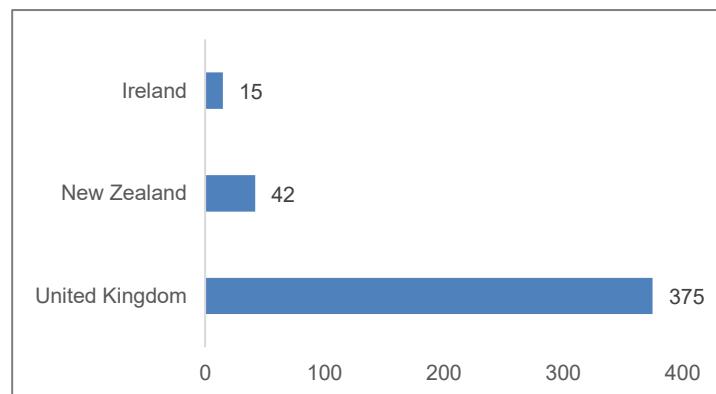


Figure 4 – Total registrations by country of specialist qualification

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 practice.

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).

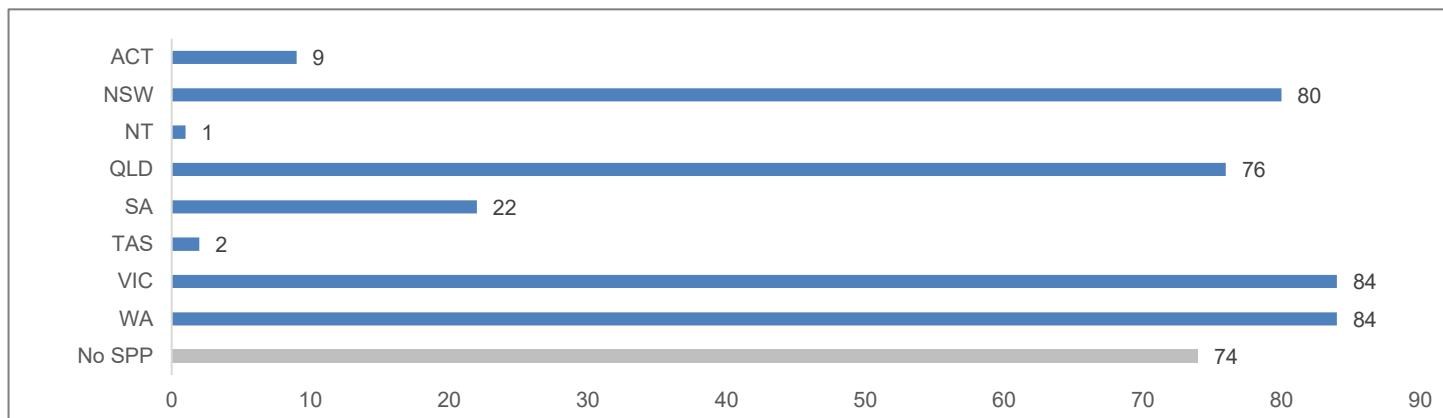


Figure 5 – Number of specialist registrants on the Expedited Specialist pathway by State and Territory