

## Summary

The Medical Board of Australia has established this standard under section 52 of the *Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009* ('the National Law') as enacted in participating jurisdictions, and in accordance with section 38(2) of that Act. It defines the supervised training requirements that Australian Medical Council (AMC) certificate holders who are in the standard pathway must complete in order to be eligible for general registration.

The AMC certificate is awarded to international medical graduates who have successfully completed all components of the AMC examinations (standard pathway). These medical practitioners are required to satisfactorily complete 12 months supervised practice in Australia before being eligible for general registration.

They are generally required to undertake the following hospital based positions

- Medicine for at least 10 weeks
- Surgery for at least 10 weeks
- Emergency medicine for at least 8 weeks
- A range of other positions to make up 12 months (minimum of 47 weeks full time service).

This required supervised practice may be completed in whole or in part prior to award of the AMC certificate. It does not need to be undertaken on a continuous basis.

An applicant for general registration who has not completed any part of the core rotations defined above in Australia must demonstrate to the Board that they have achieved the learning outcomes expected in the rotation/s they have not undertaken.

## Scope of application

This standard applies to international medical graduates in the standard pathway for registration, who have successfully completed all components of the AMC examinations, have been awarded the AMC certificate and who are applying for general registration.

## Requirements

### General requirements

Applicants are required to:

1. Satisfactorily complete a criminal history check undertaken by the Board that meets the Board's criminal history registration standard
2. Submit documentation to confirm their proof of identity as per the proof of identity framework approved by the

Board. The proof of identity framework can be found at the Board's website at [www.medicalboard.gov.au](http://www.medicalboard.gov.au)

3. Provide evidence of having been awarded a primary degree in medicine and surgery, after completing an approved course of study at a medical school listed in the current International Medical Education Directory (IMED) (online only) of the Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education and Research, or other publications approved by the Australian Medical Council. An approved course of study means that the applicant must be able to demonstrate that they have completed a medical curriculum of at least four academic years, leading to an entitlement to registration in the country issuing the degree to practise clinical medicine
4. Provide evidence of application for primary source verification of medical qualifications from the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates International Credentials Service (EICS). The Board may take action under Part 8 of the National Law if the practitioner's medical qualifications are not verified. The New South Wales Medical Council may take action under the relevant law in that jurisdiction
5. Provide evidence of successful completion of a period of internship or comparable, in accordance with guidelines issued from time to time by the Board
6. Provide evidence of work practice history that meets the Board's recency of practice registration standard. This must include a resume that describes the applicant's full practice history and any specific clinical training undertaken. Any gaps and/or overlaps in practice history from date of qualification to the present must be included and explained
7. Provide details of registration history including certificates of good standing/registration status from each registration authority with which the applicant has been registered in the previous ten years (supplied where possible directly to the Board from the relevant registration authority)
8. Confirm that they will comply with the Board's professional indemnity insurance registration standard
9. Provide any other information the Board requires under section 80 of the National Law in order to determine whether the applicant is a suitable person to hold general registration

If the applicant for registration has previously been or is currently registered in a health profession in Australia under the national scheme and has therefore provided information to a Board previously, some of these requirements may be waived.

## Specific requirements

1. Provide an original or certified copy of the AMC certificate
2. Provide evidence of satisfactory completion of at least 47 weeks full time experience in supervised clinical practice in Australia.

It is preferable that the supervised practice is undertaken in a hospital accredited for intern training.

The core experience required is

- 10 weeks in medicine
- 10 weeks in surgery
- 8 weeks in emergency medicine.

The balance of the 47 weeks can be in a range of supervised clinical practice.

The supervised practice can be undertaken at any time, including before the award of the AMC certificate and does not need to be undertaken on a continuous basis.

3. Written confirmation from term supervisors that the applicant has satisfactorily completed the required rotations. This may be in the form of term reports or other specific reporting forms developed or approved by the Board.
4. Letter of recommendation for general registration from the Director of Training, Director of Medical Services or other person authorised to sign off on the satisfactory completion of supervised practice.

## Specific circumstances

### a. General practice

The Board will take into consideration practice in Australia in contexts other than in a hospital in some circumstances. For example, where an applicant has been practising in general practice for 12 months or more and their supervisor/s can confirm that the applicant has demonstrated a standard of practice that is at least equivalent to that of an intern at the end of the intern year in all the core disciplines, the Board is likely to grant the applicant general registration.

### b. Core rotations not completed

An applicant who has not completed any part of the core experience that is required may be granted general registration provided they can demonstrate to the Board that they have achieved the learning outcomes expected in the rotation/s not undertaken. The expected learning outcomes are described in the Australian Curriculum

Framework for Junior Doctors.

An applicant who is working in a particular field and has not completed the required range of experience may be granted general registration with conditions. The conditions imposed by the Board would restrict practice to the field of practice where competence has been demonstrated and to a specific position. For example, where a registrant has only practised in psychiatry in Australia, they may be eligible for general registration, restricted to practise in psychiatry at a particular facility. In order to be eligible for unconditional general registration, the registrant would need to complete all the supervised practice requirements defined in this standard. The applicant would need to apply to the Board to vary the conditions or to convert to provisional registration in order to undertake this period of supervised practice.

## Review

This standard will commence after it has been approved by the Ministerial Council. The Board will review this standard at least every three years.

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Last reviewed:

