

Good morning,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on options for refining international criminal history checks. Having read the information and consulted with colleagues on business impact, we feel that option 1 or option 4 would be the best options, given our business requirements and the requirements of our clients.

MedRecruit are effectively a recruitment company who places doctors into hospitals and clinics in Australia, for fixed period or locum placements. We often work on fairly tight timeframes in making placements and having to obtain international criminal checks in every instance would add serious delays to our processes and therefore also disadvantage the hospitals.

Whilst we appreciate the need to balance business efficiencies with public safety, we feel that the issues around carrying out international checks for all outweighs the potential risk that 6% may pose. In fact, we wonder if it would be slightly less than 6% as some might make an honest disclosure.

If there did need to be a change in the way international practitioners were checked, we believe that option 4 (random audit checks conducted by AHPRA) would be the best solution.

Kind regards,

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