

Guidance

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Limited registration for postgraduate training or supervised practice – Exemption to the requirement for a medical internship or comparable

Summary

The Medical Board of Australia's (the Board) revised registration standard for limited registration postgraduate training or supervised practice comes into effect on **1 July 2016**.

International medical graduates (IMGs) applying for this type of registration are required to provide evidence of successful completion of a medical internship or comparable. However, there is an exemption to this requirement if an IMG can secure an accredited internship position in Australia.

The exemption from the requirement for a medical internship or comparable only applies to applications for limited registration for postgraduate training or supervised practice received from **1 July 2016**.

Limited availability of accredited medical internships and supervised practice positions

IMGs are strongly advised to complete an internship or comparable in the country of graduation before they apply for registration in Australia as priority for accredited medical internship positions in Australia is given to Australian graduates. IMGs are likely to find these positions are very difficult to obtain.

The only options for IMGs who cannot secure an accredited internship in Australia are to complete a medical internship or comparable overseas and to meet the requirements of the competent authority pathway or the standard pathway. Both these pathways require the successful completion of a period of supervised practice in Australia. Supervised practice positions are becoming increasingly competitive and may also be difficult to obtain.

More information

For more information on:

- the requirements for limited registration for postgraduate training or supervised practice see the Board's revised registration standard accessible at www.medicalboard.gov.au/Registration-Standards, and
- the pathways to registration see **Assessment pathways to registration for international medical graduates** accessible at: www.medicalboard.gov.au/Registration/International-Medical-Graduates.