

MEDICAL SERVICES TEAM - FACT SHEET

COMPETENT AUTHORITY PATHWAY

INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES (IMGs) NOT REGISTERED IN NSW OR OTHER AUSTRALIAN JURISDICTIONS

The Competent Authority pathway has taken effect from 31 March 2008 and allows IMGs who have completed training and assessment through an Australian Medical Council (AMC) designated and approved Competent Authority to apply for AMC Advanced Standing toward the AMC Certificate. **If the AMC grants the Advanced Standing, the practitioner is not required to sit the AMC MCQ Exam.** There are currently five AMC designated and approved Competent Authority countries including; USA, Canada, Ireland, UK and New Zealand. IMGs eligible to undertake the Competent Authority pathway can apply for General Registration with the NSW Medical Board (NSWMB) following a period of 12 months workplace supervision undertaken in an IMET accredited hospital or accredited hospitals in other Australian jurisdictions.

- In order to determine eligibility for advanced standing an AMC self assessment form is available at <http://www.amc.org.au/index.php/international-medical-graduates-mainmenu-207/competent-authority-mainmenu-204.html>
- Medical Qualifications recognised by the GMC of the UK are available at <http://www.amc.org.au/images/CompetantAuthorityLinks/GMCAccreditedUKCourses.pdf>
- AMC Frequently asked questions and answers is available at <http://www.amc.org.au/index.php/international-medical-graduates-mainmenu-207/faqs-mainmenu-208.html>

Important: It is highly recommended that Junior Medical Officers (JMOs) planning to work in Australia undertake the process identified below (to step 3) prior to applying for a position to ensure they have AMC Advanced Standing for registration with the NSW Medical Board.

1. New applicants effective from 31 March 2008

Step	Initiator	Process	Website	Cost	Timeframe
1	JMO	Completes the AMC self assessment and determines eligibility under the Competent Authority Pathway.	http://www.amc.org.au/index.php/international-medical-graduates-mainmenu-207/competent-authority-mainmenu-204.html	N/a	
2	JMO	Completes the AMC Application Form (FORM CA) or applies on-line for AMC Advanced Standing and submits to the AMC.	http://www.amc.org.au/index.php/international-medical-graduates-mainmenu-207/competent-authority-mainmenu-204.html	\$600.00	
3	AMC	Assesses the Application Form, initiates Primary Source Verification (EICS), confirms documentation and grants AMC Advanced Standing.	N/a	N/a	Up to 4 weeks
4	JMO	Applies for a position within NSW and obtains a Offer of Employment	http://chw.bigredsky.com/ http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/jobs/recruitment.asp	N/a	Up to 8 weeks
5	Employer	Applies to the NSWMB (FORM IMG1) for registration for the JMO (Stage 1)	http://www.nswmb.org.au/system/files/f1/f64/o655//IMG1%20v2%20Activated%20-%202sep2008%20(2).pdf	N/a	Up to 4 weeks
6	NSWMB	Assesses the application and grants provisional registration or 12 months conditional on the JMO completing (Stage 2).	N/a	N/a	Up to 4 weeks
7	JMO	Completes NSWMB Registration Application (FORM IMG2) and attends the NSW Medical Board in person.	http://www.nswmb.org.au/system/files/f1/f64/o656//4%20-%20IMG2%20v2%20Activated%20-%208sep2008.pdf	\$490.00	
8	JMO	Commences Employment			

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9	JMO & Supervisor/s	JMO and Supervisor/s complete the NSWMB Supervision Report Form (FORM IMG6) at 3, 6 and 12 months and submits. (NOTE. This step is applicable only if the JMO plans to remain in NSW/Australia beyond 12 months and/or requires the AMC Certificate in order to obtain General Registration with the NSW Medical Board.	http://www.nswmb.org.au/system/files/f1/f64/o680//IMG6%20v2%20Activated%20-%2017jul2008.pdf	N/a	12 months
10	JMO	Completes a NSWMB Request for Assessment Form (FORM CA5) and submits form with the final (12 month) Supervision Report and detailed Curriculum Vitae to the NSW Medical Board for assessment.	http://www.nswmb.org.au/system/files/f1/f64/o626//Request%20for%20Assessment%20Form%20CA%205%20v2.pdf http://www.nswmb.org.au/7.14_Curriculum_Vitae_Template.pdf	N/a	
11	NSWMB	Assesses the Supervision Report and, if satisfactory provides the AMC and the JMO with documentation confirming satisfactory completion of supervised practice.	N/a	N/a	Up to 4 weeks
12	AMC	Re-assesses the previously submitted AMC Application Form (FORM CA) together with the NSWMB documentation confirming satisfactory completion of supervised practice and grants the AMC Advanced Certificate.	N/a		Up to 4 weeks
13	JMO	On receipt of the AMC Certificate, completes a NSWMB Request for General Registration Form (FORM CA6) and submits to the NSWMB.	http://www.nswmb.org.au/system/files/f1/f64/o627//Request%20for%20General%20Reg%20%20CA%206.pdf	\$270.00	
14	NSWMB	Assesses the request for General Registration and, if satisfactory provides the JMO with General Registration.	N/a	N/a	Up to 2 weeks

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