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Report 1



Assessment of international medical graduates Specialist pathway (specialist recognition) Profession: Medical

This form should be used for each applicant after interim assessment by an Australian specialist medical college for specialist recognition (comparability assessment).

The college sends a copy of this report to the applicant and uploads a copy on the secure portal.

Applicant details

Date of report	<input type="text"/>
First report or amended report (note version)	<input type="text"/>
AMC candidate number	<input type="text"/>
EICS number	<input type="text"/>
EPIC number	<input type="text"/>
Family name	<input type="text"/>
Given name(s)	<input type="text"/>
Date of birth	<input type="text"/>
Specialty	<input type="text"/>
Field(s) of speciality practice	<input type="text"/>
Name of college undertaking assessment	<input type="text"/>
College division or faculty	<input type="text"/>
Date of completion of interim assessment	<input type="text"/>
Assessment valid until (optional)	<input type="text"/>

Outcome of specialist recognition assessment

On the basis of the review of documentation submitted by the applicant with the college and interview with the applicant (if required):

- Is the applicant comparable to that of an Australian trained specialist?
 - No, not comparable - *Provide details below, then no further questions*
 - Yes, substantially comparable - full scope of practice - *Go to question 2*
 - Yes, substantially comparable - limited scope of practice - *Provide details below and go to question 2*
 - Yes, partially comparable - *Go to question 6*

Letter attached

Substantially comparable

2. Is the applicant required to undertake a period of oversight?

No - Go to question 3

Yes - What period of oversight is required? Note: If the applicant requires more than 12 months oversight, the applicant is *partially comparable*

months (maximum 12 months) - Go to question 3

3. Are there any other requirements?

Yes - Provide details, then no further questions

No - Go to question 4

4. Does the college recommend that the applicant be granted recognition as a specialist?

Speciality

Yes, full scope of practice - No further questions

Yes, limited scope of practice - Provide details below and go to question 5

No - No further questions

5. Does the college recommend any conditions/limitations on specialist registration, if granted?

For example, the applicant should be restricted to practise in (name the limited scope of practice and/or any other limitations relevant to the scope of practice)

Note: The Medical Board of Australia will take the recommendations into consideration when deciding whether to grant specialist registration

Yes - Provide details, then no further questions

No - No further questions

Partially comparable

6. Is a period of approved, supervised clinical practice required?

No - Go to question 8

Yes - What period of supervised clinical practice is required?

Note: If the applicant requires more than 24 months supervised clinical practice, the applicant is *not comparable*

Note: When determining supervision arrangements, colleges should refer to the Medical Board of Australia's *Guidelines for supervised practice*

months (maximum 24 months) - Go to question 7

7. Is specified clinical experience required during this period?

 No - Go to question 8 Yes - Specify what is required then go to question 8

8. Is an examination required?

 No - Go to question 9 Yes - Provide details below, then go to question 9

When will it be held (if known)? What will be its timing in relation to any required supervised clinical practice?

What is the format of the examination? Describe format or provide link to information on website

 To be decided

A decision will be made after reports are received from the supervisors of the clinical practice.

A decision must be made and notified to the applicant before the completion of the supervised clinical training and where this is required to extend beyond 18 months, before 18 months is completed.

9. Are there any other requirements?

 Yes - Provide details below No**Additional information**

Report 1 explanatory notes

Where practicable, this report should be completed within three months of receipt by the college of the complete application for assessment.

Question 1

The college is asked to assess on the basis of the written application and supporting documentation and interview of the applicant by the college (if required), whether the applicant is comparable to an Australian trained specialist (in a full or limited scope of practice).

The college assessment takes into consideration the applicant's intended scope of practice. The college determines whether the scope of practice is appropriate.

An applicant who would require significant additional training or retraining (more than 24 months) should be assessed as not comparable. The applicant should be advised that he or she could apply for one of the other pathways to registration in Australia. Thereafter, the applicant could apply for entry into a college training program and seek recognition of prior learning/training carried out overseas.

Questions 2 and 3

For applicants who are substantially comparable the college specifies a period of oversight

Questions 4 and 5

If no oversight is required, a college must confirm that they recommend that the applicant be granted recognition as a specialist, and any recommendations on scope of practice.

Questions 6 and 7

If an applicant is partially comparable, the college should recommend a period of supervised clinical practice and/or an examination as part of additional assessments.

The college must specify its duration and detail any specific clinical experience required. The applicant's progress, once they are registered, should be monitored on a regular basis by the college through the submission of progress reports. A decision on the requirement for specific clinical experience should be based on evidence from the documentation or interview that the applicant requires upskilling to reach the standard of an Australian trained specialist. In the documentation provided to the applicant by the college, processes for approval of the supervised training and supervisor must be described. The position and the supervision arrangements must also be approved by the Medical Board of Australia as part of the registration application.

Question 8

The college must indicate if an examination will be required or whether this decision will be made towards the end of the period of supervised clinical practice and before 18 months of supervised practice when the total recommended period is 24 months.

The format of the examination must be described.

Definitions

Comparability definitions

Substantially comparable applicants have been assessed as suitable to undertake the intended scope of practice, taking full responsibility for individual patients with only oversight of their practice by a supervisor. In order to be considered substantially comparable an applicant must have satisfied the college requirements in relation to previous training, assessment, recent specialist practice and continuing professional development (CPD). The applicant may be required to undertake a period of up to 12 months full time equivalent of practice under peer review by a reviewer approved by the college, which may involve the satisfactory completion of a workplace-based assessment (WBA). This is to ensure that the level of performance is similar to that of an Australian trained specialist, and to assist with their transition to the Australian health system, provide professional support and help them to access CPD. The length of peer review and nature of assessment is up to the individual college to determine on a case-by-case basis, but the peer review period must not exceed 12 months. Following satisfactory completion of this process, the applicant will be eligible for Fellowship of the relevant specialist college without formal examination, and may apply for registration as a specialist.

Substantially comparable applicants will not be eligible to apply for specialist registration during the period of peer review.

Partially comparable applicants have been assessed as suitable to undertake a defined scope of practice in a supervised capacity. In order to be considered partially comparable an applicant must have satisfied the college requirements in relation to previous training, assessment, recent specialist practice and continuing professional development (CPD) that will enable them to reach the standard of an Australian trained specialist within a maximum period of 24 months full time equivalent of practice. During this period, the applicant will undertake upskilling with associated assessment under a supervisor(s) approved by the college and may be required to undertake formal examination(s). This is to ensure that the level of performance reaches that of an Australian trained specialist. This period of supervised practice will assist the applicant with the transition to the Australian health system, will provide them with professional support and assist with access to CPD. The length of supervised practice and nature of assessment is up to the individual college to determine on a case-by-case basis, but the supervised practice period must not exceed 24 months full time equivalent of practice. Following satisfactory completion of this process, the applicant will be eligible for Fellowship of the relevant specialist college and may apply for registration as a specialist.

Partially comparable applicants will not be eligible to apply for specialist registration during the period of supervised practice.

Not comparable - applicants who do not meet the requirements of the relevant specialist college in regard to previous training, assessment, recent specialist practice and continuing professional development (CPD) or who are assessed as unable to reach comparability within 24 months full time equivalent of practice will be assessed as not comparable. They may be eligible to seek registration to practise via another pathway that will enable them to gain general registration, and subsequently seek formal college training and assessment.

Overseas trained specialist refers to a medical practitioner who has completed specialist training overseas and who is seeking specialist registration in Australia.

Oversight – practice under peer review by reviewer appointed by the college.

Supervised clinical practice is practice in a supervised capacity which, on the basis of the college's interim assessment, is required by an applicant who is considered as 'partially comparable' to an Australian trained specialist. The supervised practice is designed to enable the applicant - within a reasonably short period of time (24 months or less) - to upskill to enable him or her to be further assessed on the basis of his or her equivalence to an Australian trained specialist.

The supervisor provides reports to the college on the applicant's performance in the position. The reports are part of the college's overall assessment processes.

It is important to note that supervised clinical practice is NOT intended to address deficiencies in training and experience in an applicant who is assessed as partially comparable currently entering the Australian workforce - that is, an applicant who would require more than 24 months additional training and experience in order to reach a standard of an Australian trained specialist.