



CPMEC Response to the MBA Consultation on Proposed Changes to the Competent Authority Pathway and Specialist Pathway for International Medical Graduates

The Confederation of Postgraduate Medical Education Councils (CPMEC), the peak body for prevocational medical education and training in Australasia, has considered the public consultation paper on proposed changes to the Competent Authority (CA) pathway and specialist pathway for International Medical Graduates released on 26 March 2013 by AHPRA. We will confine our remarks to the changes proposed to the CA pathway as Postgraduate Medical Councils do not generally deal with Specialist Pathway IMGs.

CPMEC is of the view that the proposed changes to the CA pathway will make the process of registration for eligible IMGs more efficient and reduce unnecessary administrative complexities in the current system. We therefore support:

- Removing of the requirement for IMGs in the CA pathway to obtain a Certificate of Advanced Standing from the AMC before being eligible to registration
- Removing the requirement for IMGs in the CA pathway to be awarded the AMC certificate before being eligible for general registration
- The AMC no longer having a role in the assessment of IMGs in the CA pathway, other than for primary source verification (PSV) thereby reducing current complexities in achieving general registration
- IMGs in the CA pathway being eligible for provisional registration and not being required to apply for limited registration.

CPMEC is very mindful of the burden placed on clinical supervisors to manage various groups of trainees and IMGs in an environment of increased medical graduate numbers. We think the proposals are sensible, fair and having the twelve-month period of supervised practice for CA pathway IMGs as is the case for those in other pathways also promotes consistency in this transitional period. There may be a case to review the length of supervised practice in future.

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