



Medical Board of Australia

**REGISTRATION STANDARD:
GRANTING GENERAL REGISTRATION
TO MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS WHO
HOLD AN AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL
COUNCIL CERTIFICATE**

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Summary

This registration standard sets out the requirements of the Medical Board of Australia (the Board) for granting general registration to Australian Medical Council (AMC) certificate holders after they have completed a prescribed period of supervised practice.

International medical graduates (IMGs) who hold an AMC certificate are required to satisfactorily complete a minimum of 47 weeks (full-time equivalent) of supervised practice in Australia before they are eligible for general registration. They are required to satisfactorily complete the following experiences (rotations):

- medicine for at least 10 weeks
- surgery for at least 10 weeks
- emergency medical care for at least eight weeks, and
- a range of other positions to make up a minimum of 47 weeks full-time equivalent experience.

IMGs can complete the period of supervised practice in its entirety or partly before the AMC certificate is awarded. The supervised practice does not need to be undertaken on a continuous basis but must be completed in Australia. An IMG applying for general registration who has not completed a part of the core rotations defined above must demonstrate to the Board that they have achieved the expected learning outcomes for the rotation(s) they have not undertaken before they can be considered for unconditional general registration.

At the end of the period of supervised practice, IMGs applying for general registration are expected to demonstrate a standard of practice that is at least equivalent to that of an Australian or New Zealand medical graduate at the end of intern training in Australia.

Does this standard apply to me?

This standard applies to IMGs who are applying for general registration after they have been awarded the AMC certificate and have successfully completed the prescribed period of supervised practice.

What must I do?

When you apply for registration

You must:

1. meet the requirements in the Board's approved registration standards for:
 - a. English language skills
 - b. recency of practice
 - c. professional indemnity insurance (PII), and
 - d. continuing professional development (CPD).
2. comply with the Board's and AHPRA's proof of identity requirements as published on the Board or AHPRA websites
3. satisfactorily complete a criminal history check in accordance with guidance issued from time to time by the Board or AHPRA
4. provide evidence that you have applied for, or have the results of, primary source verification of your medical qualifications from an authority(ies) approved by the Board
5. provide evidence of having been awarded a primary degree in medicine and surgery, after completing an approved course of study at a medical school listed in publications approved by the AMC and/or Board. An approved course of study means that you must be able to demonstrate that you have completed a medical curriculum leading to an entitlement to registration in the country issuing the degree to practise clinical medicine
6. provide a curriculum vitae that meets the standard format that has been approved by the Board
7. provide evidence of registration history. This includes arranging for the Board to receive certificates of good standing/registration status (or equivalent type of certificate) from each registration authority that you have been registered with in the previous 10 years. The certificates should be supplied where possible directly to the Board from the relevant registration authority
8. provide an original or certified copy of your AMC certificate

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9. provide evidence of satisfactory completion of at least 47 weeks full-time equivalent experience in supervised clinical practice in Australia.

The core experiences (rotations) required are:

- 10 weeks in medicine
- 10 weeks in surgery, and
- eight weeks in emergency medical care.

The balance of the 47 weeks can be in a range of supervised clinical practice.

The supervised practice can be undertaken at any time, including before and/or after the AMC certificate is awarded and does not need to be carried out on a continuous basis.

While it is preferable that the supervised practice is undertaken in a hospital accredited for intern training, the Board will take into consideration practice in other settings – see the section titled 'Are there exemptions to this standard?'

10. provide a letter of recommendation for general registration from the Director of Training, Director of Medical Services or other person who is acceptable to the Board and is authorised to sign-off on the satisfactory completion of supervised practice. The letter of recommendation must:

- confirm that you have achieved the expected learning outcomes as described in the document *Intern training – Intern Outcome Statements* developed by the AMC and approved by the Board (this document is available at www.medicalboard.gov.au and may be revised from time to time. It may also have a change in title), and
- include written confirmation from your Board-approved supervisor that you have satisfactorily completed the required core experiences (rotations) and any other experiences (rotations) to make up the balance of the 47 weeks full-time equivalent supervised practice. This may be in the form of term reports or other specific reporting forms developed or approved by the Board. These reports should demonstrate the learning experiences you obtained in each rotation that enabled you to achieve the expected learning outcomes.

Documents submitted to support an application for general registration must comply with the requirements for certifying and translating documents as published on the Board or AHPRA websites.

If you have previously been or are currently registered in a health profession in Australia under the National Scheme and have therefore provided information to a Board previously or your information is available to the Board through the AMC secure portal, some of the documentation requirements in this standard may be waived.

The Board may require you to provide any other information consistent with section 80 of the National Law to determine your eligibility and suitability for general registration.

Are there exemptions to this standard?

There are exemptions to parts of this standard. There are no exemptions to the entire standard.

The Board will take into consideration practice in Australia in contexts other than in a hospital in some circumstances.

General practice

An applicant who has completed a minimum of 47 weeks (full-time equivalent) experience in general practice may be granted general registration. They must provide evidence that they have achieved the learning outcomes as described in the document *Intern training – Intern Outcome Statements*. This can be done through supervisor reports. The reports should demonstrate the learning experiences the applicant obtained that enabled them to achieve the expected learning outcomes.

Core rotations not completed

An applicant who has not completed part of the necessary core experiences (rotations) may be granted general registration if they can provide evidence to the Board that they have achieved the learning outcomes as described in the document *Intern training – Intern Outcome Statements*. This can be done through

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supervisor reports. The reports should demonstrate the learning experiences the applicant obtained that enabled them to achieve the expected learning outcomes.

An applicant who is working in a particular area of medicine and who has not completed the required range of experiences (rotations) may be granted general registration with conditions. The conditions imposed by the Board would restrict practice to a specific area of practice where the applicant provides evidence of competence in the specific area of practice. For example, applicants who have only practised in psychiatry in Australia may be eligible for general registration restricted to practise in a non-specialist psychiatry position.

An applicant who has had a condition imposed in these circumstances can apply to have their condition on general registration revoked after they have completed all the required core experiences (rotations) defined in this standard. They will need to apply to the Board to vary their current condition to enable them to undertake the required core experiences (rotations).

More information

Expected learning outcomes

At the end of the period of supervised practice, applicants for registration are expected to demonstrate a standard of practice that is at least equivalent to that of an Australian or New Zealand medical graduate at the end of intern training. The learning outcomes expected of interns are described in the document titled *Intern training – Intern Outcome Statements* developed by the AMC and approved by the Board (this document may be revised from time to time. It may also have a change in title).

This document is available on the Board's website at www.medicalboard.gov.au.

Guidelines on core experiences

The learning experiences that should be obtained in each of the core experiences (rotations) are defined in the document *Intern training – Guidelines for terms* developed by the AMC and approved by the Board.

The guidelines are available on the Board's website at www.medicalboard.gov.au. (This document may be revised from time to time. It may also have a change in title).

Authority

This registration standard was approved by the Australian Health Workforce Ministerial Council on 1 September 2017.

Registration standards are developed under section 38 of the National Law and are subject to wide ranging consultation.

Definitions

National Law means the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law, as in force in each state and territory.

National Scheme means the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme.

Review

This standard will be reviewed at least every five years.

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This standard replaces the previously published registration standard from 22 March 2011.