



HEALTH PROFESSIONS LICENSING AUTHORITY

TITLE: International Medical Graduates – Evidence of Progress Towards a Recognised Australian Medical Qualification Guidelines

EFFECTIVE DATE: 1 July 2008

BOARD: Medical Board of the Northern Territory

PURPOSE

To provide guidance to International Medical Graduates' (IMGs') issued conditional registration pursuant to section 20(4) of the *Health Practitioners Act*, in relation to what constitutes adequate progress towards achieving a recognised Australian medical qualification, which provides entitlement to renewal of conditional registration in the Northern Territory. This guide is also provided to assist the Medical Board of the Northern Territory (the Board) and Employers of IMGs.

GUIDELINES

The following table provides clarification of the Board's requirements for evidence of what would be considered, by the Board, as demonstrating reasonable progress towards successful completion of a recognised Australian medical qualification and therefore provide entitlement to renewal of conditional registration. The evidence indicated below **MUST** be provided to the Board at the time of the IMG's application for renewal of registration or any other time as determined by the Board.

The table below is applicable to IMGs' registered in the Northern Territory prior to the implementation of the Competent Authority Pathway (First February 2008) and Standard Pathway (First July 2008) to completion of the Australian Medical Council Certificate.

CONDITIONS OF REGISTRATION	PROGRESS POINT	REASONABLE PROGRESS REQUIREMENTS FOR REGISTRATION RENEWAL
Post Graduate Trainee	At end of 1st year	Evidence that the registrant: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has provided a satisfactory supervisor's report(s); and 2. Has attempted, or been scheduled to sit, the AMC-MCQ examination; <p style="text-align: center;">Or</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Has commenced postgraduate training with a nominated specialist medical college.
	At end of 2nd year	Evidence that the registrant: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is making satisfactory progress as evidenced by the supervisor's report(s); and. 2. Has successfully completed the AMC-MCQ and registered for the clinical component of the AMC examination; <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Remains a postgraduate trainee with a specialist medical college.

	At end of 3 rd and 4 th year	Evidence that the registrant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is making satisfactory progress as evidenced by the supervisor's report(s); and 2. Has successfully completed AMC-MCQ and commenced the clinical component of the AMC examination or provides evidence of inability to attempt the clinical component because a placement has been unavailable or unsuitable; OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Remains a postgraduate trainee with a specialist medical college with completion of Fellowship requirements within the next 12 months.
	At the end of 5 th year	The registrant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is not eligible for further renewal of postgraduate trainee registration; 2. Must have successfully completed both the AMC-MCQ AND the clinical component of the AMC examination, or achieved Fellowship of the relevant specialist college; and 3. Must apply for review of conditional registration providing evidence of a pass in both components of the AMC examinations and 12 months Board approved clinical practice, that is considered by the Board to be equivalent to internship in Australia. (Eligible for full registration); OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Must apply for review of conditional registration status to achieve either full (if completed the AMC certificate) or conditional registration to work in the nominated medical specialty.
Area Of Need (AoN) 1. Hospital Medical Officer (HMO)	At end of 1st year	Evidence that the AoN conditional registrant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has provided satisfactory supervisor's report(s) in accordance with the Board's reporting requirements; and 2. Has attempted, or been scheduled to sit, the multiple choice question component of the AMC examination; OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Is progressing in a specialist-training pathway.
	At end of 2nd year	Evidence that the registrant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has provided satisfactory supervisor's report(s) in accordance with the Board's reporting requirements; 2. Has successfully completed the AMC-MCQ; and 3. Has registered for the clinical component of the AMC examination; OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Is progressing in a specialist-training pathway.

	At end of 3 rd and 4 th year	Evidence that the registrant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has provided satisfactory supervisor's report(s) in accordance with the Board's reporting requirements; and 2. Has successfully completed the AMC-MCQ, commenced the clinical component of the AMC examination, or provides evidence of inability to attempt the clinical component because of extenuating circumstances; <p>Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Has demonstrated satisfactory progress in a specialist-training pathway and notified the Board of the proposed date of completion.
	At end of 5th year	The registrant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is not eligible for further renewal of AoN conditional registration; 2. Must have successfully completed both the AMC-MCQ and AMC clinical examinations; and 3. Is eligible for full registration in the Northern Territory; <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Has demonstrated satisfactory progress in a specialist-training pathway in the Board approved timeframe. Conditional registration to be reviewed annually thereafter. Review and renewal of registration at the Board's discretion based on the adequacy of progress towards completion of specialist training.
Area of Need 2. General Practice	At end of 1st year	Evidence that the registrant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has provided satisfactory supervisor's report(s) in accordance with the Board's reporting requirements 2. Has attempted, or been scheduled to sit, the AMC-MCQ; <p>And/Or</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Is progressing in general practice training with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) or Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACCRM); and
	At end of 2 nd year	Evidence that the registrant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has provided satisfactory supervisor's report(s) in accordance with the Board's reporting requirements; 2. Has successfully completed the AMC-MCQ and registered for the clinical component of the AMC examination; <p>And / OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Is progressing in general practice training with the RACGP or ACCRM.
	At end of 3 rd and 4 th year	Evidence that the registrant: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has provided satisfactory supervisor's report(s) in accordance with the Board's reporting requirements; 2. Has successfully completed AMC-MCQ and shown progress toward completion of the clinical component of the AMC examination or provides evidence of inability to attempt the clinical component because of extenuating circumstances; <p>AND / OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Has attempted or has registered to undertake the RACGP or ACCRM examinations within the coming 12 months.

	At end of 5 th year	The registrant: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is not eligible for further renewal of Area of Need conditional registration in a general practice position; 2. Must have successfully completed the AMC-MCQ and clinical examination or achieved fellowship of the RACGP or ACCRM (post December 2007); and 3. Must apply for review of conditional registration status to achieve either full (if completed the AMC certificate) or Conditional registration to work in General Practice (if completed relevant fellowship) in the Northern Territory.
Area of Need Specialist	At end of 1st year	Evidence that the registrant: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has provided satisfactory supervisor's reports(s) in accordance with the Board's reporting requirements; 2. Has attempted, or been scheduled to sit, the AMC-MCQ; And / OR <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Has commenced specialist training and is meeting the requirements to progress towards completion of Fellowship as set down by the relevant college;
	At the end of 2 nd year	Evidence that the registrant: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has provided satisfactory supervisor's report(s) in accordance with the Board's reporting requirements; 2. Has successfully completed the AMC-MCQ and registered for the clinical component of the AMC examination or provides evidence of inability to attempt the clinical component because of extenuating circumstances; And / OR <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Remains in a specialist-training pathway and is meeting the requirements to progress towards completion of Fellowship as set down by the relevant college.
	At the end of 3 rd and 4 th years	Evidence that the registrant: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Has provided satisfactory supervisor's report(s) in accordance with the Board's reporting requirements. 2. Has successfully completed AMC-MCQ and the clinical component of the AMC examination or provides evidence of inability to attempt the clinical component because of extenuating circumstances; And / OR <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Remains in a specialist training pathway and has undertaken clinical experience requirements as set down by the relevant college, and undertaken or registered to undertake the final college requirements to achieve Fellowship as set down by the relevant college.
	At the end of 5 th year	The registrant: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is not eligible for further renewal of Area of Need Specialist conditional registration; 2. Must have successfully completed the AMC Certificate and Board approved supervised practice or achieved fellowship of the relevant specialist college; and 3. Must apply for full (if completed the AMC certificate) or Conditional registration to work in Specialist in a nominated specialty (if completed relevant fellowship) in the Northern Territory.