

Information for applicants

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Evidence requirements for eligibility for the competent authority pathway category B (United Kingdom)

These explanatory notes are for international medical graduates (IMGs) who are applying for the competent authority pathway under **category B**.

This document incorporates and replaces previous information for Category B applicants dated August 2015, *How to provide evidence of 'internship equivalent' for the competent authority pathway category A and B (United Kingdom)*.

The eligibility criteria for the competent authority pathway category B is:

	Requirements for eligibility for the Competent authority pathway
Category B	UNITED KINGDOM General Medical Council (GMC)
	Graduate of a United Kingdom medical program quality assured by the General Medical Council, and for courses conducted wholly or partially outside the UK, on a list published on the Medical Board of Australia's website, AND: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • successful completion of the Foundation Year 1 in the United Kingdom, or • 12 months supervised training (internship equivalent) in the United Kingdom.

Providing evidence of eligibility

Applicants who have been granted full registration by the GMC

The Board will accept evidence of being granted full registration with the General Medical Council (GMC) as evidence that you meet the supervised practice component of the eligibility criteria for category B:

- successful completion of the Foundation Year 1 (FY1) in the United Kingdom, or
- 12 months supervised training (internship equivalent) in the UK.

You have the following options for providing evidence of eligibility:

1. A Certificate of Good Standing (COGS) from the GMC confirming full registration.
 - You must arrange for an original COGS to be forwarded directly from the GMC to AHPRA. Information about arranging COGS is in the application for registration form APRI-30 available on the [Forms page](#).
 - You do not need current registration with the GMC.
 - Copies of your Foundation Year 1 Certificate or a letter from your hospital confirming 12 months supervised practice (internship equivalent) are *not* required if a COGS can be provided.

OR

2. Foundation Year 1 (FY1) completed in the UK - *Foundation Achievement of Competency Document* or *Certificate of Experience*

OR

3. 12 months supervised training (internship equivalent) in the UK. For information on how to provide evidence of 'supervised training (internship equivalent)' see below.

You will also need to provide evidence that you are a 'Graduate of a United Kingdom medical program quality assured by the General Medical Council, and for courses conducted wholly or partially outside the UK, on a list published on the Medical Board of Australia's website'.

Applicants who have not been granted full registration by the GMC

If you have never been granted full registration by the GMC you will need to provide evidence of:

- successful completion of the Foundation Year 1 (FY1) in the UK, or
- 12 months supervised training (internship equivalent) in the UK.

For information on how to provide evidence of 'supervised training (internship equivalent)' see below.

Evidence of 'supervised training (internship equivalent)'

These explanatory notes are for IMGs who are applying for the competent authority pathway under category B who:

- have never been granted full registration by the GMC or who cannot get a COGS from the GMC confirming full registration, and
- do not have evidence of successfully completing the Foundation year 1 (FY1) in the UK (e.g. *Foundation Achievement of Competency Document* or *Certificate of Experience*), and
- have completed '12 months supervised training (internship equivalent) in the UK'.

There are two ways in which you can demonstrate that you meet the '12 months supervised training (internship equivalent) in the UK' component of the eligibility criteria for category B (as per guidance initially provided in August 2015):

1. Provide evidence of '12 months supervised practice/training in an Approved Practice Setting in the UK'. Acceptable evidence would include:
 - a. confirmation in writing from the hospital(s) and/or employer(s) that you have satisfactorily completed 12 months supervised practice/training in the UK, and
 - b. confirmation in writing from the hospital(s) and/or employer(s) that the practice setting is an 'Approved Practice Setting'.¹

OR

2. Provide evidence of 'a minimum of 12 months practice in the UK'². Acceptable evidence would include:
 - a. confirmation in writing and/or certificate of service from the hospital(s) and/or employer(s) that you have had a minimum of 12 months practice in the UK.

You will also need to provide evidence that you are a 'Graduate of a United Kingdom medical program quality assured by the General Medical Council, and for courses conducted wholly or partially outside the UK, on a list published on the Medical Board of Australia's website'.

¹ The GMC requires all IMGs who are new to full registration with the GMC, to work in an Approved Practice Setting (APS) with appropriate supervision and appraisal arrangements (or assessments). All designated bodies (the organisations that support doctors with their appraisal and revalidation) are approved practice settings, e.g. NHS Trusts. The GMC publishes a [list of designated bodies](#).

² For IMGs who were first registered with the GMC before Approved Practice Settings was introduced.