



## GUIDELINES ON SPECIALIST RECOGNITION

Overseas trained specialists who wish to apply for specialist recognition in Australia and New Zealand should, in the first instance, apply to the Australian Medical Council (AMC) or the Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ). The relevant body will determine if the applicant is suitable to apply for specialist assessment and if so, will forward the documentation to the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM).

Once the documentation has been received, ACEM will make initial contact with the applicant to confirm receipt of the documentation. A copy of the application will be forwarded to the Censor-in-Chief (CIC) and the Chair of the Overseas Credentials Committee (OCC). The CIC and the Chair of the OCC will confirm that the applicant is suitable for interview, following which the applicant will be contacted again to arrange a face-to-face structured interview at the College Headquarters in Melbourne or alternatively in New Zealand. The applicant will be asked to provide the names and contact details of three referees, a completed Consultant Posts form, and will be asked for details of any publications/presentations if these have not been supplied in the application. A structured interview will be conducted within six weeks of receipt of the application and will comprise three senior Fellows of the College.

The interview panel will discuss with the applicant their basic and other qualifications obtained, their experience in emergency medicine, research experience, education/teaching experience, administration experience, three topical issues, and the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine. The interview will be of 45 minutes duration.

The interview panel will write a report which will be considered by the Board of Censors and Council at their next meetings. Recommendations in the report may include one or more of the following

- A period of advanced training with in-training assessment
- A period of supervised practice in an accredited major referral emergency department staffed by three or more FACEMs
- Satisfactory completion of a research paper
- Satisfactory completion of the Fellowship Examination
- Offer of election to Fellowship without further requirements

Following a review of the report, the Board of Censors and Council will endorse or modify the recommendations. The Australian Medical Council/Medical Council of New Zealand will then be advised in writing of the outcome of the application, and the applicant will also be notified.

Further more detailed information can be found on the website:

G05 Guidelines on the Assessment of Overseas Trained Specialists

G04 Guidelines on the Format of the Structured Interview for Overseas Trained Specialists

Regulation 4.55 Assessment of Overseas Trained Specialists

Procedure for Applicants Referred for Assessment for Specialist Recognition (flow chart)