

## **INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES WHO ARE SEEKING LIMITED REGISTRATION FOR POSTGRADUATE TRAINING or SUPERVISED PRACTICE in AUSTRALIA**

### **INTRODUCTION**

If you plan to live and work in Australia **temporarily** while undertaking training in Pathology you must obtain support from the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA) to obtain the appropriate medical registration with the Medical Board of Australia (AHPRA\*).

If you wish to train with the College you must undertake an initial assessment by the Australian Medical Council (AMC) and this is outlined in other Step Guides on the RCPA website. Which Step Guide you use depends on whether you are an **Overseas Trained Specialist (OTS)** or **Overseas Trained Doctor (OTD)**.

\*AHPRA is the administrative arm of the Medical Board of Australia which is responsible for medical registration.

### **STEP 1. FIND A TRAINING POSITION AT A LABORATORY ACCREDITED BY THE RCPA FOR THE DISCIPLINE OF TRAINING YOU SEEK.**

The College does not undertake employment or training arrangements for international medical graduates.

You will need to contact the laboratory and arrange the training you require. A Fellow of the College at that laboratory must agree to supervise your training.

A current list of accredited laboratories is available on the section of the RCPA website available for public access:

<http://www.rcpa.edu.au/Trainees/Training-with-the-RCPA/Laboratory-Accreditation-for-Training>

### **STEP 2. YOUR EMPLOYER OR THE HEALTH AUTHORITY MANAGER OF YOUR TRAINING LABORATORY APPLIES TO THE RCPA FOR YOU TO BE AN OCCUPATIONAL TRAINEE**

- You and your future employer completes, signs and sends to the College the Medical Board of Australia application form – AAMC-30-Application for Assessment by a Medical College

To download form AAMC-30 please go to the Limited registration section

<http://www.medicalboard.gov.au/Registration/Forms.aspx>

- The required supporting documents that need to be submitted by your employer are:-
  - Your Curriculum Vitae (CV)
  - Your position description
  - Your training program
- The future employer sends the original copy of the completed AAMC-30 form and support documents to the General Manager - Operations at the RCPA office.  
Postal address: Durham Hall, 207 Albion Street, Surry Hills, NSW Australia 2010.

**Please note that all pages of the AAMC-30 form must be original copies. The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) does not accept photocopied forms**

### **STEP 3. APPROVAL OF AAMC-30 APPLICATION BY THE RCPA**

- The application is checked and signed by the Registrar/Deputy Registrar of the College
- The application and support documents are sent to the AHPRA office in the relevant state. A copy is sent back to the employer for their records.

**TIME:** *It will usually take 10 days for the application and support documents to be checked, formally approved and despatched in hardcopy*

### **STEP 4. APPROVAL OF MEDICAL REGISTRATION BY AHPRA**

- You will receive notification from AHPRA of the outcome of your application and receive notice of medical registration in Australia.

**TIME:** *This can take several weeks depending on how long AHPRA takes to process the application*

### **STEP 5. VISA APPLICATION**

- Your employer will ordinarily assist you with any details in support of your application. The College does not participate in this process.

Please go to the Department of Immigration and Citizenship website for more information about the whole visa process <http://www.immi.gov.au/students/sponsored/otv/>

## **COLLEGE POLICY DOCUMENT**

The formal policy on this area is available from: <http://www.rcpa.edu.au/Library/College-Policies> under the title *Occupational Training in Australia*.

## THE MANAGEMENT TEAM

Headed by the CEO, Dr Debra Graves, the Team is available to assist you. Please do not hesitate to contact the Management Team for information, advice, guidance or support. Contact details for RCPA staff you will be dealing with most, are listed below.

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The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia  
Durham Hall  
207 Albion Street  
Surry Hills NSW 2010  
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### Phone

The Telephone number to contact reception is +61 2 8356 5858. Staff phone extensions are all 8356 5xxx (last 3 digits change).

### Fax

The Fax number is +61 2 8356 5828

### Website

[www.rcpa.edu.au](http://www.rcpa.edu.au)

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