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PATHWAY GUIDE

Australia: Competent Authority pathway

Doctors who passed an assessment recognised as a competent authority, such as PLAB in the UK, LMCC/MCCQE in Canada, USMLE with ECFMG in the US, or NZREX in New Zealand.

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Leads to
Provisional, then general registration

Decided by
Medical Board of Australia

Our support
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Our fee
$300 USD

Is this route for you?

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Requirements

- [ ] Passed a competent authority assessment (for example PLAB, LMCC/MCCQE, USMLE with ECFMG, NZREX)

What you'll need

- Your competent authority category (A to F) and its practice requirement in that country.
- A period of supervised practice set by the Board. There are no AMC exams on this route.

Documents checklist

- [ ] Evidence of your competent authority assessment (for example PLAB, LMCC/MCCQE, USMLE with ECFMG, NZREX)
- [ ] Evidence of practice in that country, as the Board's category requires
- [ ] Primary medical degree and internship certificate
- [ ] Certificates of good standing
- [ ] Passport and CV

Step by step

1. Confirm which competent authority category you fall under.
2. Complete AMC primary source verification (EPIC).
3. Find a position with an approved supervision plan.

4. Apply to the Medical Board for provisional registration.
5. Complete the period of supervised practice the Board sets, then move to general registration.

Your next three steps

1. Confirm your competent authority category against the Board's list.
2. Start AMC primary source verification (EPIC).
3. Look for a position that offers an approved supervision plan.

Registration, immigration and hiring

These are three separate decisions, made by different organisations. Getting one doesn't give you the others.

Professional registration	Provisional, then general registration with the Medical Board.
Immigration	A separate visa decision by the Department of Home Affairs.
Hiring	A position with an approved supervision plan is needed.

Costs

Our fee

$300 USD

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Paid separately to others

- AMC verification (EPIC) and exam fees
- Medical Board of Australia application and registration fees
- English test fees, if you need a test
- Visa application fees (Department of Home Affairs)

Official fees change from time to time. We confirm the current amounts with you before you pay.

What's included in our service

- [ ] Competent authority category check against your documents
- [ ] EPIC verification guidance
- [ ] Application and supervision plan checklist
- [ ] Australian medical CV and cover letter
- [ ] Hospital job search and interview preparation

From our experience

- Read the category definitions carefully; the practice requirement is where most applications fall short.
- A supervision plan is part of the application, so the employer is involved early.

How we help on this route

- Category check against your documents

- Supervision plan and application checklist
- CV and job search in Australia

How we work with you

1. **Start with the Pathway Finder.** It's free and takes a few minutes. You see which routes suit your profile and what you'll need, before we ask for anything.
2. **Talk it through.** In a 30-minute consultation we go through your Finder results, your documents and your priorities, and agree the route that makes sense.
3. **Get a written plan.** You leave with the order of steps: verification, exams, applications and job search.
4. **We prepare the application with you.** If you choose a pathway package, we work through the checklist with you, review your documents and CV, and prepare each application before you submit it.
5. **Job search and interviews.** We help you target the right employers, write a CV that fits the country, and prepare for interviews.
6. **Stay with you to the next milestone.** We keep working with you until the step the package covers is done, and we tell you plainly when something is outside our control.

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