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Global Pathways for All Professionals

PATHWAY GUIDE

Australia: Specialist pathway

Specialists trained overseas who want recognition as a specialist in Australia, through the relevant specialist college.

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Leads to
Specialist registration

Decided by
Medical Board of Australia and the specialist college

Our support
Australia: Specialist pathway support

Our fee
$500 USD

Is this route for you?

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Requirements

- [ ] Holds a specialist postgraduate qualification

What you'll need

- Your qualification on the Expedited Specialist pathway list, or a specialist college assessment.
- A college rating of your training as substantially or partially comparable.

Documents checklist

- [ ] Specialist qualification and full training records
- [ ] Primary medical degree
- [ ] Logbooks and evidence of specialist practice
- [ ] Certificates of good standing
- [ ] Detailed CV and passport

Step by step

1. Primary source verification of your medical degree and specialist qualification through EPIC (MyIntealth). This comes before the college assessment and takes several weeks.
2. Check whether your qualification is on the Expedited Specialist pathway list.
3. Specialist college assessment of your training, case exposure and skills, usually 2 to 6 months. The outcome is substantially comparable, partially comparable or not comparable.

4. Supervised practice if the college asks for it: often around 6 to 12 months if you're substantially comparable, and 12 to 24 months with extra upskilling if partially comparable.
5. Apply to AHPRA for specialist registration with the Medical Board once the college requirements are met.

Your next three steps

1. Check the Expedited Specialist list for your qualification.
2. Gather training records and logbooks for the college assessment.
3. Book a consultation to prepare the college application.

Registration, immigration and hiring

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

Professional registration	Specialist registration after the college assessment.
Immigration	A separate visa decision by the Department of Home Affairs.
Hiring	Colleges may require supervised practice in a post.

Costs

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$500 USD

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Paid to Careers Beyond Borders for our advice and preparation only.

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 expenses (verification, college assessment, supervised practice assessment and AHPRA fees) can reach about USD 7,000 depending on your specialty. We confirm the current figures with you before you pay.

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

What's included in our service

- [ ] EPIC (MyIntealth) account setup and verification guidance
- [ ] Specialist college application preparation and document structuring
- [ ] Full documentation review before submission
- [ ] AHPRA registration guidance
- [ ] Interview preparation for hospital or college requirements
- [ ] CV restructured to Australian specialist standards

- [ ] Personalised job applications
- [ ] Targeted hospital job search, with application tracking and follow-up
- [ ] Administrative coordination: you send documents step by step as we ask for them
- [ ] Support until you secure a suitable specialist post, including contract review

Terms

- Once the process has started and submissions are made, the fee is non-refundable.

From our experience

- Colleges look closely at the content and length of your training. Organise your records by year and rotation before you apply.
- There's no AMC written or clinical exam on this route; the college assessment takes its place.
- Timing depends on your specialty and the college outcome, so plan for supervised practice even if you hope to avoid it.

How we help on this route

- Specialist profile review
- College application preparation
- CV for specialist and consultant roles

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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