

REGISTRATION CATEGORIES AVAILABLE IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA
Medical Practitioners Act 2008

Medical Practitioner	Registration Category	Description
<p>Graduate from Medical School in Australia or New Zealand; or</p> <p>Fellow with Australian Specialist Medical College</p>	<p>Section 30 General Registration</p>	<p>General (unconditional registration) is available to a graduate from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an accredited Australian or New Zealand University; and • who has successfully completed a 12 month period of internship
	<p>Section 31 (1) Internship</p>	<p>A graduate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • from an accredited Australian or New Zealand University; and • who has been offered an Internship position in a Teaching Hospital <p>is eligible for registration for the purpose of completing the prescribed 48 weeks of internship.</p>
	<p>Section 31 (2) Supervised Clinical Practise – Specialty Qualification</p>	<p>Conditional registration (supervised clinical practise) may be available to a medical practitioner who has</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • an Australian or New Zealand qualification in the speciality that is prescribed in the <i>Medical Practitioners Regulations 2008</i> for that speciality; or • a specialty qualification that the Board considers is substantially equivalent to, or based on similar competencies to, an Australian or New Zealand speciality qualification is eligible for registration pursuant to this category.
	<p>Section 38 Recognised Specialist Qualifications and Experience</p>	<p>A medical practitioner who has a recognised qualification as follows may be registered as a specialist:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An Australian or New Zealand qualification, in the speciality, that is prescribed in the <i>Medical Practitioners Regulations 2008</i> for that speciality; or • A qualification that the Board considers is substantially equivalent to, or based on similar competencies to, a qualification prescribed in the

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		<p><i>Medical Practitioners Regulations 2008.</i></p> <p>A letter from the Australian specialist college confirming the specialist qualifications is required by the Board.</p>
<p>International Medical Graduate (IMG) who has successfully completed both:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • AMC MCQ and • AMC Clinical Examination 	<p>Section 30 General Registration</p>	<p>General (unconditional registration) is available to an international medical graduate who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has received the AMC certificate; and • successfully completed the necessary period of supervised clinical practise
	<p>Section 31 (1) Supervised Clinical Practise</p>	<p>A medical practitioner who has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • successfully completed both the: • Australian Medical Council (AMC) Multiple Choice Questionnaire ("MCQ") and AMC clinical examinations <p>is eligible for registration pursuant to this category. Registration will be granted for a period of twelve months. During this period, satisfactory performance reports must be provided to the Board.</p> <p>At the completion of the period of supervised clinical practise, and subject to satisfactory performance, the medical practitioner is eligible for transfer to general (unconditional) registration.</p>

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<p>IMG who has not completed both AMC Examinations</p> <p>IMGs who are requiring conditional registration must select one of the following pathways to registration:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competent Authority Pathway – provide evidence of receipt of Certificate of Advanced Standing from the AMC; OR • Standard Pathway – provide evidence of successfully completing the AMC MCQ examination; OR • Specialist Pathway – Specialist-in Training –provide a letter of support from the relevant Australian specialist medical college. 	<p>Section 34(2)(b)(i) Special Purpose Conditional Registration – Postgraduate Training (ie. Specialists-in-Training)</p>	<p>A medical practitioner whose primary medical degree (ie. no specialist qualification) was obtained from an institution which is not accredited by the AMC may be eligible for registration on a temporary basis for the purpose of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • undertaking a period of assessment; or • postgraduate training in medicine in Western Australia with the intention of returning to his/her country of origin. <p>During this period, satisfactory performance reports must be provided to the Board.</p>
	<p>Section 34(2)(b)(ii) Special Purpose Conditional Registration – Medical Teaching</p>	<p>A medical practitioner may be eligible for conditional registration for the purposes of undertaking a medical teaching position in Western Australia if he or she has qualifications that the Board recognises for that purpose. Registration is generally limited to visiting overseas specialists who require short periods of registration.</p>
	<p>Section 34(2)(b)(iii) Special Purpose Conditional Registration – Medical Research</p>	<p>A medical practitioner may be eligible for conditional registration for the purposes of undertaking a medical research position if he or she has qualifications that the Board recognises for that purpose. Registration is generally restricted to short periods.</p>
	<p>Section 34(2)(b)(iv) Special Purpose Conditional Registration – Unmet Area of Need</p>	<p>The State Minister for Health has declared a number of areas in Western Australia Unmet Areas of Need, which means that overseas-qualified medical practitioners may be eligible for registration to work in various positions eg. Specialist, Senior Registrar, Resident Medical Officer or General Practitioner in specific geographical areas.</p> <p>A medical practitioner may be eligible for conditional registration for the purposes of working in an Unmet Area of Need if he or she has qualifications and experience to practise medicine in that area of need. For information on declared Unmet Areas of Need in Western Australia, please refer to the Department of Health Webpage.</p> <p>Ongoing registration is subject to:</p>

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • satisfactory performance reports being provided to the Board; and • the position in which the practitioner is registered continues to be declared an Unmet Area of Need; and • if registration is sought beyond five years, the applicant must provide evidence of completing the AMC examinations (AMC-MCQ and AMC Clinical Examination), or progression towards Fellowship of a recognised Australian specialist college
	<p>Section 34(2)(b)(v) Special Purpose Conditional Registration</p> <p>Foreign Specialist Qualifications and Experience –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Further Specialist Training or • Examination 	<p>A medical practitioner:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • whose specialist qualifications and experience in medicine were obtained outside Australia; and • who is seeking Fellowship with an Australian specialist medical college <p>may be eligible for registration in this category for the purpose of undertaking further specialist training or examination as approved by the Board. A letter from the Australian specialist medical college is required.</p>
	<p>Section 34(2)(b)(vi) Special Purpose Conditional Registration – Temporary Registration in the Public Interest</p>	<p>A medical practitioner may be registered in this category on a temporary basis if the Board is satisfied that it is in the public interest to do so. Endorsement is required by the Department of Health (WA) Chief Medical Officer. Applicants must be eligible for conditional registration via: Competent Authority Pathway, Standard Pathway, or Specialist Pathway.</p>

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	<p>Section 33 Conditional Registration for General Practise in Remote and Rural Western Australia</p>	<p>A medical practitioner who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has qualifications and experience obtained overseas; and • is competent to practise as a general practitioner; and • undertakes to abide by the conditions in Section 33, as follows, may be eligible for registration in this category: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • can only practise as a GP; and • must practise in remote and rural WA (remoteness is determined by legislation) for up to 5 years after registration; and • must become a fellow of Royal Australian College of General Practitioners within 2 years of registration <p>Applicants for registration pursuant to this section of the Act:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • must have conditional registration initially under 34(2)(b)(iv) – Special Purpose Conditional Registration - Unmet Area of Need; and • are required to lodge an application with Rural Health West (“RHW”). Assessment for equivalency to Australian Fellowship is conducted by the State Interview Panel (co-ordinated by RHW) who will then inform the Medical Board on the outcome of the assessment. <p>At the conclusion of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the contracted period of employment under the Commonwealth’s Five Year Overseas Trained Doctor Recruitment Scheme; and • subject to satisfactory performance (evidenced by satisfactory performance reports) the medical practitioner’s registration may be transferred to Section 38: Recognised Specialist Qualifications and Experience with the specialty being Fellow in General Practise. There will be no further time or location limitations placed on the practitioner’s conditional registration as a specialist. <p>For further particulars on the assessment process, contact Rural Health West</p> <p>Rural Health West 10 Stirling Highway Nedlands Telephone : + 61 8 6389 4500 Email - info@ruralhw.com.au Web - www.ruralhw.com.au</p>

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<p>Medical Practitioner currently practising in another state of Australia and holding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General (unconditional registration); or • Specialist registration in another state of Australia 	<p>Section 68 Entitlement to: General Registration or Conditional (Recognised Specialist) Registration based on Registration elsewhere in Australia</p>	<p>By meeting the requirements of mutual recognition, a person registered as a medical practitioner in another State or Territory of Australia may be entitled to be registered in Western Australia. If the practitioner has current general (unconditional) registration elsewhere in Australia then he or she is eligible for general (unconditional) registration in Western Australia.</p> <p>A medical practitioner, who has current conditional registration as a recognised specialist in another State or Territory of Australia, may be entitled to conditional registration in Western Australia as a recognised specialist in the same branch of medicine.</p> <p>A medical practitioner who is registered in Western Australia based on registration elsewhere in Australia is subject to any condition, limitation or prohibition imposed on the registration of the interstate practitioner elsewhere (whether the result of disciplinary action or otherwise).</p>
<p>Other Categories</p>	<p>Section 35 Non-practising Registration</p>	<p>A medical practitioner who will not practise medicine may be registered is a non-practising medical practitioner.</p>
	<p>Section 32 Provisional Registration (fee applies)</p>	<p>A person may be granted provisional registration for a period of three months at the discretion of the Board. For example, if all the requirements for registration have been met and the application is scheduled to be approved at the next Board meeting, then provisional registration may be granted in the meantime.</p>