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I would like to provide a written submission to provide feedback on the draft revised registration standard, with particular reference to the question *'is there any content that needs to be changed, added or deleted in the draft revised specialist registration standard'?*

We are an international medical recruitment firm based in the UK and assist a number of International Medical Graduates to secure offers of employment and subsequently navigate the Australian regulatory application process each year.

We were very encouraged to see the board consulting on the development of an expedited pathway and a direct route to specialist registration, further to the findings of the Kruk review, as we know first-hand how the current complex, convoluted and costly application process often acts as a barrier to successful migration and starting in post.

Overall, I believe the content and structure of the draft revised specialist registration standard is helpful, clear, relevant and workable. However, I have a query that relates to the competency requirement that an applicant will need to have successfully completed six months of satisfactory supervised practice approved by the Board in the specialty within Australia, or an examination or assessment approved by the Board, to assess their ability to competently and safely practise the specialty. I think there needs to be more clarity on if/ how overseas based IMGs can meet this requirement prior to arrival onshore. It would be beneficial to have more clarity on the types of examinations and assessments that might be needed and whether these are likely to be something the IMG's will already have undertaken as part of their comparable training or something additional they will need to complete as part of the application process. It would also be helpful to confirm whether a doctor's Primary Medical qualification will be taken into consideration at any point.

Many thanks for the opportunity to provide this general feedback as part of the consultation and we look forward to receiving further word on its development and implementation.

Kind Regards,

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