

Information for applicants

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How to provide evidence of 'internship equivalent' for the competent authority pathway category A (United Kingdom)

These explanatory notes are for international medical graduates (IMGs) who are applying for eligibility for the competent authority pathway under **category A** who do not have the Foundation year 1 (FY1) *Certificate of experience* and who have completed '12 months supervised training (internship equivalent) in the UK'.

This document incorporates and replaces (but does not change) previous information for category A applicants dated August 2015, *How to provide evidence of 'internship equivalent' for the competent authority pathway category A and B (United Kingdom)*.

The eligibility criteria for the competent authority pathway category A are:

	Requirements for eligibility for the Competent authority pathway
Category A	UNITED KINGDOM General Medical Council (GMC)
	Successful completion of the Professional and Linguistic Assessments Board (PLAB) test since 1975, AND : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • successful completion of the Foundation Year 1 in the United Kingdom, or • 12 months supervised training (internship equivalent) in the United Kingdom.

Category A – evidence of ‘supervised training (internship equivalent)’

There are two ways in which you can demonstrate that you meet the ‘12 months supervised training (internship equivalent) in the UK’ component of the eligibility criteria for category A (as per guidance initially provided in August 2015):

1. Provide evidence of ‘12 months supervised practice/training in an Approved Practice Setting in the UK’. Acceptable evidence would include:
 - a. confirmation in writing from the hospital(s) and/or employer(s) that you have satisfactorily completed 12 months supervised practice/training in the UK, and
 - b. confirmation in writing from the hospital(s) and/or employer(s) that the practice setting is an ‘Approved Practice Setting’.¹

OR

2. Provide evidence of ‘a minimum of 12 months practice in the UK’². Acceptable evidence would include:
 - a. confirmation in writing and/or certificate of service from the hospital(s) and/or employer(s) that you have had a minimum of 12 months practice in the UK.

You will also need to provide evidence that you have ‘successfully completed the Professional and Linguistic Assessments Board (PLAB) test since 1975’.

¹ The GMC requires all IMGs who are new to full registration with the GMC, to work in an Approved Practice Setting (APS) with appropriate supervision and appraisal arrangements (or assessments). All designated bodies (the organisations that support doctors with their appraisal and revalidation) are approved practice settings, e.g. NHS Trusts. The GMC publishes a [list of designated bodies](#).

² For IMGs who were first registered with the GMC before Approved Practice Settings was introduced.