

Tribunal dismisses appeal by medical practitioner

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The NSW Civil and Administrative Tribunal dismissed an appeal by Dr Ashraf Ibrahim Abdou Ibrahim against a Medical Board of Australia decision to refuse his application for limited registration.

Dr Ibrahim is registered in Egypt as a medical practitioner, and sought limited registration in an area of need in October 2013. The Board refused Dr Ibrahim's application on the basis that he did not meet the Medical Board of Australia's recency of practice registration standard.

The National Law protects the public by ensuring that registration may only be granted to individuals deemed suitable, who are able to practise the profession competently and safely. The NSW Board of the Medical Board of Australia was critical of aspects of Dr Ibrahim's performance in a pre-employment structured clinical examination (PESCI), concerned that his supervision plan was not adequate and there were gaps in recent experience.

The tribunal considered that Dr Ibrahim was making a sincere and diligent attempt to meet the requirements for limited registration in Australia but found there were issues with his application, including that he did not meet the requirements for recent practice.

The tribunal took the view that Dr Ibrahim's work experience and professional development did not amount to practice for the purposes of the recency of practice standard.

The tribunal decision will be published on AustLII.

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