

## Information Sheet

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### General practice and/or primary care experience assessment

From 1 July 2016 the Medical Board of Australia's (the Board's) registration standard for limited registration for area of need requires international medical graduates (IMG) applicants seeking to work in general practice to have three years full time equivalent experience working in general practice or primary care.

The criteria outlined below are used to assess and determine whether the overseas medical experience of an IMG is equivalent to that of Australian General Practice.

- The three years of potential full-time equivalent (FTE) general practice (GP) experience must have been gained within the last 10 years to date of receipt of application to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).
- One of the three years must have been gained in the last three years to date of receipt of application to AHPRA.
- Medical experience in any one medical facility of less than 6 months duration cannot be used.
- A maximum of 38 hours per week of medical experience can be counted toward the three years full time equivalent experience.

Other factors that will be considered:

- Equivalence of the demographic exposure of the medical experience.
- Equivalence of the disease exposure of the medical experience.
- Equivalence of the medical facilities worked at.
- Equivalence of the working environment.
- Equivalence and relevance of the Continuing Professional Development attained.

The Board may request further information if the information provided does not adequately verify the experience.

The limited registration for an area of need registration standard can be accessed at [www.medicalboard.gov.au](http://www.medicalboard.gov.au) under 'Registration Standards'.