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To: [medboardconsultation](#)
Subject: Consultation – Limited registration standards and draft guidelines on short-term training in a medical specialty pathway
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Dear AHPRA,

A large number of medical practitioners from NSW previously held provisional registration for 'area of need' or other public interest reasons - they held paid positions as medical practitioners after the registration was granted and were providing medical care. These individuals all lost their registration and right to work when AHPRA and the Medical Board of Australia took over as the registering authority from the NSW Medical Board. No provision was made for these doctors when the national scheme started and it was devastating to the individuals concerned, who had emigrated to Australia and had financial commitments etc. It seemed to me that very little, if any, consideration was given to the question of what effect the change in rules would have on the lives of the doctors concerned, or how this might affect Australia's reputation overseas in attracting quality candidates to work here. There was an impact on patient services.

In my view, as a practicing surgeon, it is very poor management of medical registration matters to alter the circumstances of individuals that affected existing arrangements, simply on a technicality and stroke of a pen. None of the affected doctors had any issues raised over competence or professional standards.

I believe those affected individuals should have their registration re-instated to an equivalent level as it was previously, allowing them to work and provide services, as well as have a pathway to eventually gain full registration. If they were certified as fit to practice once, it should not be withdrawn without proper process and genuine reasons such as misconduct etc.

Sincerely,

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