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Dear medical board members,

I got the email from AHPRA regarding feedback on various subjects. I am not exactly sure if you are looking for people like me but I would appreciate it a lot!!

I am on overseas trained GP from Germany. It's a 5 year training program over there and I gained my fellowship in 2009. Finished Uni in 2003. After gaining fellowship I worked as a GP for another 2 years in Germany before moving to Australia due to personal circumstances (married to an Australian).

Here I worked in ED as a registrar since 10/2011, passed the AMC exams and have general registration now. I would like to work here as a GP as well but apparently it will take me another 2 years to get there. I am currently doing the pathway of practice eligible doctors (aka competent pathway) and the RACGP is willing to assess my prior GP work in Germany but will probably only recognise parts of it. What I don't understand is the fact that my last 2.5 years here in ED don't count at all to GP time here on this pathway and people coming from Denmark or the Netherlands have it quite a bit easier. The system in Germany is not very different at all, only Medicare items and where to refer to of course.... But you learn that within a few months.

Is there any short way for people like me?? I'm also restricted to districts of workforce shortage to work in til 2017 (my first registration in Australia was in 2007).

Let me know if I can provide you with my CV, references etc if there is a chance for me to gain GP fellowship quicker.

Thank you very much and best regards,

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