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Madam/ Sir,

I would like to support any AHPRA policy change that reduces the (currently very substantial) compliance effort involved in registering overseas graduates for subspecialty training and/ or research. These individuals are generally highly motivated, bright and well trained, and come to Australia for advanced training in clinical subspecialties and research. They are the future leaders of their profession.

During their stay these individuals provide substantial value to Australian society, both by contributing to underfunded public health services, and by increasing Australian research productivity. The vast majority of such arrangements are of very substantial mutual benefit. Without such colleagues the waiting list of my public clinic would be several years long rather than 5 months. Most return home after 1-3 years to provide a lifetime of benefit to their countries.

Over the last 5 years the process of registering such individuals in NSW has become ever more onerous and complicated. We now start the application process at least 10 months before a proposed starting date, and often that's still not enough because changing rules at all levels (AHPRA, Immigration, University, LHD etc) complicate the process unnecessarily.

It would be great if AHPRA were to introduce simpler application processes (for medical and Allied Health practitioners) that account for the high degree of supervision implicit in subspecialty training and/ or research environments.

Please contact me if you require further information,

Regards

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