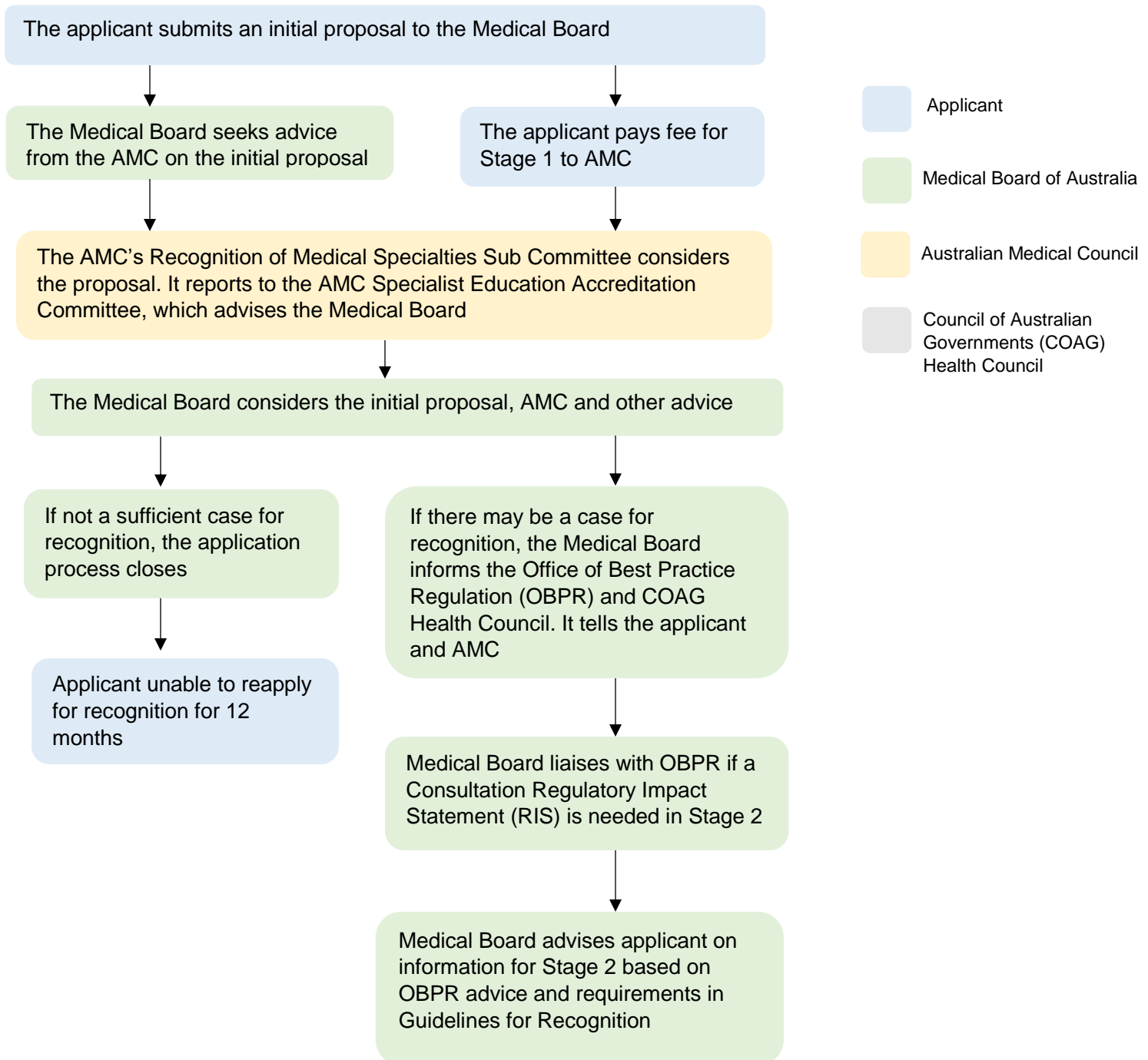


Recognition of Medical Specialties and Fields of Specialty Practice under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law – Process Flowchart

Stage 1: Initial assessment of proposal (the application)



Stage 2: Detailed assessment of proposal

Applicant submits a detailed proposal (application) to Medical Board based on Board's advice about content

The Medical Board requests the AMC assess the detailed proposal

AMC sets up review panel to complete assessment. Review panel considers the application and decides on the activities necessary to assess the case (e.g. meetings, site visits)

AMC provides estimate of the direct assessment costs to applicant

Review panel prepares consultation document (a consultation RIS if needed) which is sent to the Medical Board

Medical Board:

- consults OBPR on document if consultation RIS was required.
- seeks submissions using the consultation document prepared by the AMC
- provides consultation submissions to AMC and publishes submissions on website

AMC review panel assesses the consultation feedback, and completes assessment. It may seek additional information through: site visits, stakeholder discussions, and/or asking Medical Board to commission additional work

Additional work completed, if required

Discussions with applicant

The AMC review panel prepares a report on the case for recognition

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Applicant comments on report's accuracy and findings

AMC Recognition of Medical Specialties Sub Committee considers report and provides advice to Specialist Education Accreditation Committee, which finalises AMC's advice to the Medical Board. If a consultation RIS was required, AMC prepares report in the form of a Decision RIS

The applicant pays assessment costs to AMC

The Medical Board considers the AMC's report. Medical Board decides:

Not to recommend recognition:

It informs the applicant

It informs COAG Health Council

To **recommend** recognition.

It informs the applicant

If Decision RIS was required it seeks OBPR advice on whether document meets COAG Guide to Best Practice Regulation requirements

The Medical Board submits its recommendation to the COAG Health Council

COAG Health Council makes a decision

Medical Board publishes its advice to COAG Health Council and the Council's decision on its website

If COAG Health Council approves the specialty, the Medical Board updates the *List of specialties, fields of specialty practice and related specialist titles* and will publish the amended list

AMC calls for applications for accreditation of programs of study in the new or amended specialty or field of specialty practice