

## Policy

**Subject:** Postgraduate or Supervised Practice Training in Australia  
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From time to time the College is called upon to support the appointment of a trainee seeking to gain further experience in an Australian laboratory.

In accordance with the Nationally Consistent Assessment of International Medical Graduates Process, the trainee:

- Is an overseas-trained specialist or is an overseas specialist-in-training, having either passed the relevant specialist examinations or is no more than two years from completing specialist training in their country of training:
  - Will be undertaking this position (which may include such opportunities as exchange fellowships) for the purpose of training in their specialist field or obtaining experience in their speciality not available in their country for training:
  - Has the stated intention of returning to their country of training at the end of the training program which shall not be for a period of longer than two years.
1. In principle, the College does not support the appointment of such a trainee in place of an Australian trainee.
  2. The College plays no part in seeking such appointments or in initiating visa arrangements for occupational trainees.
  3. At the request of the sponsoring institution, and with the provision of details regarding supervision and the training program, the College will complete AHPRA AAMC-30 form and will return it to the AHPRA office of the relevant state. A copy of the completed form will also be sent to the sponsoring institution.

In approving the application the College will take into consideration the following:

- a. The training is undertaken in an RCPA accredited training laboratory
- b. The supervisor is a Fellow of the RCPA
- c. A prospective training program has been developed and is suitable for the applicant

Note: Trainees in this category are not able to register for training into the RCPA.

Training can however be registered if an overseas specialist in training is already registered as a trainee of the College (they are training in Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia or Saudi Arabia).