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Medical Board of Australia

Via email: medboardconsultation@ahpra.gov.au

Dear Medical Board,

Public consultation on draft revised registration standard – General registration for international medical graduates on the Standard pathway – ANZCA feedback

The Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) appreciates the opportunity to provide feedback on this consultation.

ANZCA supports the proposed revisions, including greater flexibility for PGY1-equivalent supervised practice pathways, provided appropriate clinical training opportunities and supervision standards are maintained. We also support the continued requirement that IMGs demonstrate competencies equivalent to completion of PGY1 training.

ANZCA strongly supports the introduction of orientation to the Australian healthcare system and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander cultural safety education. We consider cultural safety education to be an essential requirement for IMGs entering Australian practice.

We seek clarification regarding the exemption provision for **“Experience completed in a particular area of medicine”**. For example, we have experience with some SIMGs who have not reached the standard required for specialist practice, but who would be safe to practise as non-specialist anaesthetists. In such cases, could practitioners who have completed more than 47 weeks of satisfactory supervised practice in anaesthesia be considered to have met the required standard? Further clarification is also sought on whether these practitioners would be required to complete the AMC MCQ examination.

ANZCA's view is that all practitioners seeking to qualify under this pathway should be required to pass the AMC MCQ examination, as it provides assurance of the foundational general medical knowledge and experience expected of medical practitioners, including that acquired by Australian-trained doctors during their PGY1 internship.

Thank you for considering our feedback.

Yours sincerely,

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