

Short-Term Training in a Medical Specialty Pathway

Short-term training positions are usually conducted in a sub-specialty area (e.g. glaucoma) to enable overseas specialists or specialists-in-training to upskill or gain further experience. These positions are often approximately 12 months long, but the timeframe may vary. The Medical Board of Australia (MBA) states that these positions are conducted on the understanding that the applicant will return to their country of training on completion. RANZCO assesses the suitability of the proposed training position for the specific applicant only. **Short-term training does not lead to specialist recognition in Australia.**

To be eligible for the short-term training in a medical specialty pathway, an International Medical Graduate (IMG) must have a primary qualification in medicine and surgery awarded by a training institution recognised by both the [Australian Medical Council](#) (AMC) and the [World Directory of Medical Schools](#) (WDOMS), and have satisfied all the training and examination requirements to practise in their field of specialty in their country of training, or who are no more than two years away from completing their specialist training overseas.

To apply for short-term training in a medical specialty pathway:

- The IMG applies directly to the training institution (employer) and is offered a short-term training position.
- The IMG applies to the AMC for primary source verification of their medical qualifications (primary medical and if applicable specialist qualification). **This must be obtained before an application is submitted by the employer to RANZCO.**
- The authorised representative of the Australian employer applies **online** through the [RANZCO portal](#) for approval of the proposed short-term training position by completing the online application and attaching all required documents including the [MBA Application for Assessment by a Specialist Medical College \(AAMC-30\)](#).
- RANZCO assesses the suitability of the training position for the specific applicant.
- Once the position is approved, the IMG applies to the MBA for appropriate medical registration to undertake the short-term training position.

Please read the current RANZCO [Short-Term Training Policy](#), [MBA Limited Registration Standard](#) and [MBA Short-Term Training in a Medical Specialty Guidelines](#) before submitting an application.

Those interested in completing a short-term training position in Australia must contact training institutions directly to enquire about any such positions that may be available. The following are amongst the major eye hospitals in Australia:

- New South Wales: [Sydney Eye Hospital](#)
- Victoria: [Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital](#)
- South Australia: [Royal Adelaide Hospital](#)
- Western Australia: [Royal Perth Hospital](#)
- Queensland: [Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital](#)