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Steve

DG I think the  
proposal has great merit  
and sets reasonable milestones

As discussed, Note  
that this was a draft  
to the Registration  
Advisory Committee first  
to it going to the Medical  
Board for consideration

## Draft Policy - Medical Board of Queensland

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### Legislative Powers

Section 46 of the Medical Practitioners Registration Act 2001 outlines the Board's powers before deciding applications of registration.

Section 46, subsection (1) (c) states that "the Board may, by notice given to the applicant, require the applicant to undergo a written, oral or practical examination within a reasonable time of at least 30 days stated in the notice, and at a reasonable place".

Section 46 subsection (3) states "the purpose of an examination under subsection (1) (c) must be to assess the applicant's ability to competently and safely practise the profession".

### Suggested Policy

It is recommended that the Board utilise this power to require examination of all applicants who do not hold qualifications entitling them to general registration. The examination required should be in three stages:

1. Prior to any registration:

English examination as arranged by the Australian Medical Council.  
(This requirement can be waived if the primary medical course from which the applicant is a graduate was conducted in English and provided no difficulties with communication are identified at interview); and

2. Prior to registration in Australia beyond 3 years:

Either (a) satisfactory completion of the Multiple Choice Question paper (MCQ) set by the Australian Medical Council (AMC), or  
(b) formal acceptance into the AMC accredited training program of one of the clinical colleges; and

3. Prior to registration in Australia beyond 7 years:

Either, (a) Completion of the AMC examinations with award of the certificate of competence, or

(b) recognition as a Fellow of one of the clinical colleges whose training program is accredited by the AMC.

The Board should reserve the right to extend the time for stage 3 completion in exceptional circumstances where the applicant can demonstrate considerable and appropriate progress towards this goal.

## Process

It is recommended that the Board adopt this policy in principle for introduction as soon as possible and for application to both future and current registrants.

It is also recommended that before the policy is finalised consultation be held with:

- (a) Queensland Minister for Health
- (b) Director-General, Queensland Health
- (c) Australian Medical Council and
- (d) Medical Boards of other Australian states and New Zealand.



Chair, Registration Advisory Committee