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International Sponsorship Scheme for MTI - Guidance for applicants

Information about the scheme

The Royal College of Emergency Medicine is one of the Medical Royal Colleges taking part in the Medical Training Initiative (MTI). The MTI is a national scheme designed to allow a small number of doctors to enter the UK from overseas for a maximum of 24 months, so that they can benefit from training and development in NHS services before returning to their home countries.

More information can be found here – <http://www.aomrc.org.uk/medical-training-initiative/prospective-applicants/> and here <http://www.aomrc.org.uk/medical-training-initiative/mti-frequently-asked-questions/>

The Royal College of Emergency Medicine's International Sponsorship Scheme offers Emergency Medicine training opportunities within the MTI Scheme. Posts are available for between 6 and 24 months. At the end of their training period in the UK, participants must return to their home country.

Successful applicants can obtain full GMC registration with a license to practice, without taking the Professional and Linguistic Assessment Board (PLAB) test.

There are two routes on to the scheme -

- IMGs that have already been recruited to a post
- IMGs that will be matched to a post by the College

Prioritisation and allocation

The primary purpose of the Medical Training Initiative is to contribute to improving the quality of healthcare in developing countries. The main intention of the scheme is to provide doctors from developing countries with a period of training and development in the NHS before returning to their home countries where their patients and colleagues can benefit from the skills and experience they have obtained in the UK.

Due to the principles and intent of the scheme, priority will be given to applications originating from [DFID protected countries](#) or [Lower Income](#) & [Lower Middle Income](#).

Whilst applicants that are applying from countries not considered DfID priority or LI&LMI countries are not barred from making applications, they can have no guarantee or expectation of receiving a Certificate of visa Sponsorship (CoS) and are therefore applying at their own risk.

If there is any remaining capacity at the end of each month having processed all applications from DfID priority and LI&LMI countries, other applicants will be awarded a CoS taken in order of the receipt of their applications. Successful applicants will be contacted to confirm whether they still wish to pursue their application. Those not successful will be informed that on this occasion their application has been unsuccessful due to lack of capacity and asked whether they wish to remain on the list for consideration again the following month. Applicants from these countries and employers will need to recognise that the waiting list may become quite long and reduce only slowly, therefore a significant wait is very likely to be expected.

Applicants apply from countries not in priority categories may be more successful finding alternative routes for employment and immigration through Tier 2 entry. [A full statement from Academy of Medical Royal Colleges on the changes to the MTI prioritisation process can be found here.](#)

Please be aware that, even if eligible, participation in the scheme is dependent on an appropriate post being available. The likely time-frame for the process is approximately 4 months, however due to the different factors involved, can take up to 6 months.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for sponsorship you must be one of the following:

- a **current trainee** in an overseas **Emergency Medicine training programme** (You should have the support of your employer for your plan to spend a period of time training in the UK).
- a **consultant** who has completed a specialist training programme in Emergency Medicine (You should have the support of your employer for your plan to spend a period of time training in the UK).
- a **consultant** who has trained in a specialty other than Emergency Medicine **with at least 12 months experience in Emergency Medicine** (You should have the support of your employer for your plan to spend a period of time training in the UK).

Candidates must meet all of the criteria in order to participate:

- Not (normally) hold EEA citizenship or EEA rights of residency.
- Hold a Primary Medical Qualification acceptable to the GMC for full registration – Full information on this can be found on the [GMC website](#).

Please note that all applicants will need to have their primary medical qualification independently verified by the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) – please read the full guidance if you intend to make your application around this time - [GMC website](#).

- You must be able to provide a certificate of good standing (CGS) from the regulatory body in the countries where you have practised or held registration or a license in the last 5 years **CGSs must be no more than 3 months old when they are submitted, and must still be in date when your application for registration is approved.** Full information on this can be found on the [GMC website](#).
- Have been in clinical practice for at least **3 out of the last 5 years** including **all** of the **most recent 12 months leading up to your application being approved** (please note that the GMC do not count clinical attachments and observerships towards this 12 months).
- Have completed at least **3 years postgraduate training**, including an internship, **with at least 1 year** of a specialty training programme in Emergency Medicine.
- Have an institutional sponsor in your home country, specifying the post that you will return to.
- **Provide evidence of satisfactory progression through training.** Acceptable evidence would be documentation of passing required postgraduate qualification exams, a logbook or training portfolio (if applicable), evidence of clinical governance activity, appraisal documentation. Evidence should cover both generic Emergency Medicine and acute specialties. **Any evidence should be validated by the overseas sponsor.**
- Be certified in **at least one** life support course (we will accept **ALS, ATLS, ETC/EMST/EPLS/ACLS APLS**)
- Have achieved **a minimum score of 7.0 in each area** (speaking, listening, reading and writing) of the academic module of the **International English Language Testing System (IELTS) and an overall minimum score of 7.5.** You must be able to provide a test report form that reflects that this test was taken within the last 2 years.

Or

Have achieved a grade of **at least 'B' in each testing area** (speaking, listening, reading and writing) of the medicine version of the **Occupational English Test (OET)**. You must be able to provide an OET certificate that shows your candidate number, that you reached the scores

in the same test that was your most recent sitting of the test, and that it was taken within the last 2 years.

Full information on the English Language tests accepted by the GMC for your application can be found on the GMC web pages, [here](#) and [here](#).

- Provide contact details of two **current** referees that have supervised you **over the most recent 6 month**.

Points to consider before applying

- **Doctors who have failed the PLAB are not eligible for sponsorship**
- **Doctors who have already participated in the scheme cannot reapply within 5 years**
- **Sponsorship for GMC registration cannot be provided for those not intending to make an application for an approved MTI post**
- **Service posts with no training component will not be approved for the scheme**
- **Doctors must remain in continuous medical practice throughout the application process and only resign from their current post once their GMC registration has been approved**

Translations

You must submit a complete and accurate translation of every document that is not in English, along with the document in its original language. More details can be found here –

<https://www.gmc-uk.org/registration-and-licensing/join-the-register/registration-applications/application-guides/full-registration-for-doctors-with-sponsorship/translating-documents>

Assessment of your application

A decision on your application can only be made once **all** of your evidence has been received.

Once your application for sponsorship has been approved by the Royal College of Emergency Medicine, you will need to complete an online application for registration on the GMC website. It is advisable to read the GMC guidance on what evidence should be provided to support the application - <https://www.gmc-uk.org/registration-and-licensing/join-the-register/registration-applications/application-guides/full-registration-for-doctors-with-sponsorship>

The GMC must be satisfied that the doctor has been selected under quality assurance arrangements designed to safeguard the interests of patients and to provide support for the trainee before granting registration.

If successful, you will need to produce original documentation to the GMC at an ID check when you arrive in the UK, to confirm your registration before you start your post. Information can be found here - http://www.gmc-uk.org/doctors/identity_checks.asp

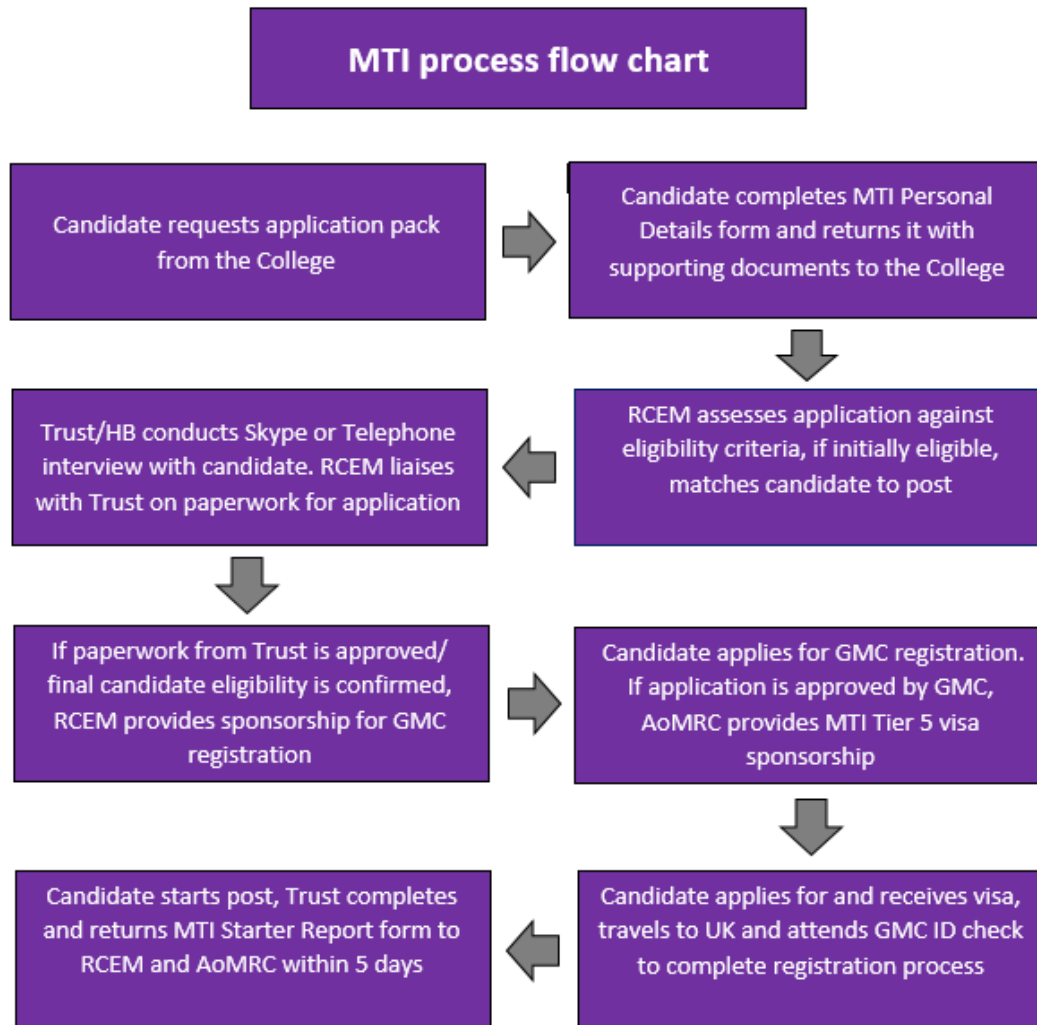
Privacy Policy

Your personal data will only be processed within the assessment of your application and your eligibility to participate in the MTI Scheme.

Your personal data will not be transferred to any third parties without you being informed beforehand. Should your eligibility to receive sponsorship be confirmed, we will need to share the relevant personal information with regulatory organisations (such as the GMC and the AoMRC).

Please follow this link to Royal College of Emergency Medicine's privacy policy - http://www.rcem.ac.uk/RCEM/Privacy_Policy.aspx

MTI process flow chart



Immigration

The Medical Training Initiative is a government authorised exchange operated under Tier 5 (Temporary Worker) of the Points Based System. The Academy of Medical Royal Colleges provides visa sponsorship for successful applicants. Full information can be found here - <https://www.gov.uk/tier-5-government-authorised-exchange/overview>

Administration Fee

The fee for the administration of an individual application is £115 for applicants based in lower and lower middle income economies (as defined by the World Bank; see: <http://siteresources.worldbank.org/DATASTATISTICS/Resources/CLASS.XLS>), and £215 for all other countries.

The college will request this fee if your application is successful and will provide you with details on how to pay.

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I am not currently in an Emergency Medicine Training Programme. Can I apply?

A: The scheme is open to Trainees in a current EM Training Programme, Consultants in EM, or Consultants in another specialty that have at least 12 months of EM experience.

Q: I am an International Medical Graduate currently in the UK. Can I apply for sponsorship?

A: Yes. However, you must comply with the GMC Recency of Practice Rule whereby applicants must have been in continuous medical practice for all of the most recent 12 months leading up to

your application. Clinical attachments and observerships are not counted as medical practice. In addition to this, applicants must return to their home country in order to apply for their Tier 5 Visa (assuming that their application for sponsorship for GMC registration, GMC Registration application and MTI visa sponsorship application are approved).

Q: I have failed the PLAB test. Can I apply for a place on the International Sponsorship Scheme?

A: No. The International Sponsorship Scheme is NOT a route to GMC registration for doctors who have taken and failed the PLAB test.

Q: How do I find a post?

A: If your application is successful the Royal College of Emergency Medicine will find a post for you.

Q: I want to emigrate permanently to the United Kingdom. Can I apply for a place on the International Sponsorship Scheme?

A: No. The International Sponsorship Scheme allows overseas trainees to train in the UK for up to 2 years within an approved MTI Post. **After which they must return to their home country.**

Q: I want to work in another specialty than Emergency Medicine, can I apply for sponsorship for GMC registration

A: Yes, but in order for posts to be suitable for sponsorship by the Royal College of Emergency Medicine. Please contact the College relevant to that specialty.

Application Pack

The information in this document can also be found on the RCEM website here –

http://www.rcem.ac.uk/RCEM/Exams_Training/International_Graduates/MTI_Info_for_Trainees/RCEM/Exams_Training/International_Graduates/MTI_Info_for_Trainees

Application forms can be obtained from Victoria De Witt (Email: victoria.dewitt@rcem.ac.uk).