

# Motions ASOS AGM

1. ASOS draws the attention of all members to the recent proposal to fast track the registration of Specialist International Medical Graduates (SIMGs) outside established college pathways [Kruk review]. Under the proposed system, some SIMGs will be granted specialist approval automatically by MBA/AHPRA, with some as yet unspecified conditions on their registration.  
*Competency requirements for specialist registration*

*To satisfy the requirements of section 57(1)(b) of the National Law, you will have successfully completed:*

- *six months of satisfactory supervised practice approved by the Board in the specialty within Australia, or*
- *an examination or assessment approved by the Board, to assess your ability to competently and safely practise the specialty. [MBA AHPRA Public Consultation, 3 June 2024 Draft revised Registration standard: specialist registration]*

Motion 1: ASOS calls on the MBA/AHPRA to supply specific details on the following questions arising from the *Draft revised Registration standard: specialist registration* consultation paper:

- a. How will supervision be arranged?
- b. What is the definition of “satisfactory supervised practice”?
- c. What specific conditions will be placed on a fast tracked SIMG’s registration?
- d. What is the specific process for these conditions to be removed or to remain?
- e. What level of legal protection will be granted to supervisors?
- f. Will public hospital SMOs and VMOs be required to supervise SIMGs as part of their employment or contractual agreements with a hospital?
- g. In the event of a dispute arising in regard to satisfactory practice, what mechanisms will be in place for a satisfactory resolution?
- h. Who will conduct the “examination or assessment approved by the Board”?
- i. What form will this “examination or assessment approved by the Board” take and what costs will be involved?

Moved: Dr R Brighton

Seconded: Dr M Petrelis

2. Australia’s unique balance between the public and private hospital sectors is well recognised as a key strength that has enabled the Australian medical profession to deliver world-class medical treatment. Therefore, it is of grave concern to ASOS members when this balance is threatened.

Motion 2: ASOS restates its principle that public patients should be treated in public hospitals in all but exceptional circumstances. Where it is determined by health authorities to place public patients in private hospitals, due to exceptional circumstances, ASOS will outline the complexities and potential hazards that arise when treating doctors in public hospitals have their patients transferred to other

medical practitioners, and where obligation regarding aftercare is also transferred into public hospitals from the contracted private hospital.

Moved: Dr R Brighton

Seconded: Dr M Petrelis

Motion 3: ASOS calls for an urgent review of the Lawrence contract system to determine whether it is still fit for purpose in light of threats to the viability of some private hospitals, particularly in regional and rural locations.

Moved: Dr R Brighton

Seconded: Dr M Petrelis