Pathway for Vocational (Specialist) Registration

Minimum qualifications & experience.

To qualify for Vocational Training in a discipline, a practitioner must have a 3 year post-internship experience.

To qualify for a Vocational Registration, a practitioner must:

- Have a minimum of 6 years of experience in that discipline
- Have a post-graduate qualification in that discipline
- Produce a positive peer reviewed report 2 years after attaining a post-graduate qualification and experience in that discipline

Processing of Applications:

Upon receipt of an application for Vocational Registration, the registrar shall:

- Collect and receive the necessary fees.
- If the candidate does not meet the requirements, advise the candidate and recommend resubmitting after attaining all the requirements.
- If the candidate meets the entire requirements request for further documentation as noted below.
- If documentations are incomplete, then these applications will be included as “mention only” items on the Agenda of the forthcoming FMC meeting.

Additional Documentation Required

- A report from the Applicant’s referee(s) on the general competence and experience, and ability to fulfill the reasonable expectations of an independent practitioner, providing a usual range of services in the Discipline.
- For applicants already employed in Fiji, FMC will nominate 2 referees and the Secretariat will write directly to them requesting a review and recommendations on the application. These reports will then be tabled for consideration at the next meeting of the FMC.
- If the applicant is already employed in Fiji, but has worked in other countries over the preceding 12-24 months, then additional reports on the applicants experience and ability may be requested from the medical jurisdictions the applicant has worked in.
- For applicants based abroad, the following additional documentation are mandatory:
  - A full transcript of their undergraduate and postgraduate training IF the applicant has attained his qualifications in a country whose Medical Training Programs FMC is not well versed with.
- Information from the relevant Medical Registration authority as to the status given to holders of that qualification.
- If the applicant claims to hold specialist status in the country of qualification/training, documentary evidence of the same should be obtained.
- A letter of Good Standing from the Registering Authority in the country the applicant is currently practicing.

Decisions of Council:
If there is undue delay and difficulty in obtaining the data required, Council should consider the situation and decide a course of action, which may be;
   i. to grant the application on the available data
   ii. Request for additional information from practitioner-tracking organizations e.g. ECFMG
   iii. to allow the application to lapse
   iv. to set a forward date by which a firm decision is to be made

C. The Specialties that are recognized are;

1. SURGERY:
   Plastics
   Urology
   Ear, nose and throat

2. INTERNAL MEDICINE:
   Cardiology
   Nephrology/Renal Medicine
   Gastroenterology
   Neurology

3. OBSTETRICS & GYNAECOLOGY (woman’s medicine)

4. PAEDIATRICS (children’s medicine)

5. ACCIDENTS and EMERGENCY MEDICINE
6. PSYCHIATRIC MEDICINE

7. RADIOLOGY (xray)

8. PATHOLOGY
   Microbiology
   Biochemistry
   Histopathology
   Haematology

9. DERMATOLOGY

10. INFECTIOUS DISEASES

11. REHABILITATION MEDICINE

On approval of Specialty, practitioner should commit to continuous professional development in Specialist field.