

Dear Sir/Madam,

I was asked to write a short email following the public hearing above on the reasons it takes up to 12 months to get a GP registered with AHPRA.

I am hopeful that you can pass on my email, since I have no other contact details.

I submit that the registration process for AHPRA registering a doctor to enable them to work as a GP has an overly cumbersome process which does not fit any real-life operational business model. This is due to the fact that once we find a doctor who is willing to join the practice, which is based on having a pending vacancy (within 3 months) we must follow the registration process, as follows:

1. The doctor is asked to do a PESCI examination with the RACGP
  - a. this takes 3 months to book in
2. The doctor is then given the results of the PESCI 2 weeks later
3. The doctor then submits the necessary documentation and attaches the PESCI results to AHPRA
4. The AHPRA Registration Officer (RO) then checks the paperwork which usually takes about 2-3 months
5. Then AHPRA RO will most of the time ask the practitioner for further documentation which takes another 1-2 months to process.
6. Following the completed documentation AHPRA RO will send this to the AHPRA Delegate for final approval
7. Then the AHPRA Delegate approves the documents and sends them back to AHPRA RO to present this final documentation to the Medical Board Tasmania for assessment
  - a. this normally takes another 2-3 months.
8. There is only 1 meeting per month by the Tasmanian Medical Board, and if we don't have the exact documentation ready in time, it goes onto the following month's meeting.
9. The decision from the TAS Medical Board is then submitted back to the AHPRA Delegate who provides the final registration outcome to AHPRA RO.

I understand that from the AHPRA website the registration process takes 6-8 weeks, however this is in the case of an Australian Trained Doctor, and for Overseas Trained Doctors (on whose workforce we currently rely on, because we can't attract any Australian based doctors) the process is no less than 10-16 months!

I hope the above gives some insight, however, should you wish to discuss any of the points

above or request further information I would be more than happy to elaborate further.

I hope that you can bring this necessary operational issue that Rural General Practice such as our face all the time.

Thank you for your support and the time taken to read my submission.

Kind regards,

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