

Provisional registration for international graduates starting F1 this summer

We strongly encourage all internationally qualified applicants with a place on Foundation Programme Year One (F1) to submit their applications for provisional registration as soon as possible from this point forwards.

Below are details of the steps an applicant will need to take **before** submitting their application for registration. As some of these steps can take some time to complete we would encourage applicants to begin them now to avoid delays in obtaining registration.

Primary source verification

All applicants with non-UK medical qualifications will need to have their primary medical qualification independently verified before we grant registration. Verification is carried out by [Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates](#) (ECFMG) through their online system – known as the [Electronic Portfolio of International Credentials](#) (EPIC) service. ECFMG will verify the qualification is genuine by checking this directly with your awarding institution.

Primary medical qualifications must be verified before registration can be granted therefore; we would advise applicants to begin this process as soon as possible.

Following the UK's withdrawal from the European Union this now applies to non-UK qualified applicants.

Before applying for provisional registration all applicants must have a valid EPIC ID.

Evidence of your knowledge of English

All non-UK qualified applicants must have evidence of their knowledge of English that meets our minimum criteria **at the point they apply for registration.**

You must show that you have the necessary knowledge of English to practise in the United Kingdom. [See the guidance on English language evidence on our website that we can consider.](#)

If you have taken the IELTS (academic) or OET (medicine) test you don't need to send your certificate, you just need to tell us the reference number. Please also make sure you have selected the General Medical Council as your recognising organisation in the 'my OET' portal so we can verify your results. Failure to do this can lead to delays in processing your application.

Following the UK's withdrawal from the European Union this now applies to non-UK qualified applicants. Applicants are only eligible to apply for registration if they have evidence of their English language skills at the point they apply.

Availability for IELTS and OET exams may be limited so we would advise applicants to book a test immediately.

If you intend to use your primary medical qualification as evidence of English language, please be aware that we will carry out robust verification checks. These checks can take a considerable amount of time and may delay your application significantly. The most efficient way of demonstrating you have the required level of English language to safely practise in the UK is by achieving our minimum required scores in either the IELTS or OET exam.

What other documents do we require for provisional registration?

Once we have received an application for provisional registration, applicants will receive an email documenting the evidence we will require. As standard we'll need to see the documents listed below.

1. **Passport**

The photo ID page and the page with your signature on it.

2. **Primary medical qualification certificate (PMQ)**

The decorative PMQ certificate given to you when you first qualified. It must confirm the exact date that you met all of the requirements for the award of your degree (the date that you passed your final examination/assessment).

If you have not been conferred your decorative degree certificate we can accept a letter issued on headed paper by your awarding confirming:

- Your full name
- The full title of your degree
- The exact date that you completed all the requirements to be eligible for the award of the degree title
 - The name of the medical college you attended whilst completing your studies (if applicable)

3. **Certificate(s) of good standing (CGS)**

A CGS from the medical regulatory authority in any countries where you've held registration during the last five years. [Find out which medical authorities you need to contact](#). Certificates are only valid for three months and they must be in date when we're ready to approve your registration. If you've asked a medical authority to send a CGS directly to the GMC for you, please let us know.

4. **Employer references**

You only need to send these for:

- any periods of non-medical work completed within the last five years
- any periods of medical work for which you **did not** hold registration, in the country that the work was undertaken, within the last five years.

Each employer will need to complete an [employer reference form](#) **in full**. Do not complete any sections of the employment reference yourself.

5. **Translations**

You must submit a complete and accurate translation of every document you provide that is not in English.

- A copy of the original document, along with a copy of the English translation.
- The translation must have the name and contact details of the translator or translation service either on it, or attached to it.

- There are details of some [commercial translation services](#) on our website.

If you have any questions about the application process please [contact the GMC](#)