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## AMC Launches New Support For Exam Candidates

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The Australian Medical Council (AMC) today released three new initiatives to support International Medical Graduates (IMGs) as they prepare for Australia's medical screening exam.

The AMC is an independent national standards body for medical education and training and one of its core functions is to assess international medical graduates who wish to practise medicine in Australia.

The AMC this afternoon launched a major new publication designed to assist IMGs to prepare for the AMC's multiple choice question (MCQ) examination, the *AMC Handbook of Multiple Choice Questions*. It also launched a new on-line trial examination, which aims to provide prospective MCQ candidates with a responsive and up-to-date exam experience that significantly upgrades the previously available MCQ-trial facility. The AMC has also upgraded its On-line Store, where all AMC publications can now be purchased easily and efficiently.

The *AMC Handbook of Multiple Choice Questions* provides information covering all disciplines and clinical categories examined in the MCQ and aims to facilitate IMG entry to the medical workforce in Australia. It updates and expands on the highly regarded 1997 *AMCQ Handbook* and represents three years work by AMC examiners. The handbook contains almost 600 Multiple Choice Questions drawn from the AMC examination banks.

As with the previous AMC publications, it is a comprehensive guide to the format, scope and standard of AMC MCQ examinations. All questions are accompanied by commentaries on each response, details of best practice principles and correct answers.

AMC President, Professor Richard Smallwood AO, said the new MCQ handbook could be used for both self-directed learning and as a self-test instrument.

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“We hope the handbook will greatly assist those preparing for AMC Multiple Choice Question examinations,” Professor Smallwood said.

“Feedback on our previous publications suggests that it will also be a useful resource for Australian university medical students,” he said.

The handbook is a companion to the *AMC Handbook of Clinical Assessment* published in 2007, which contains a representative selection of clinical assessment tasks (scenarios) drawn from the AMC clinical examination, accompanied by performance guidelines and commentaries to help candidates prepare for the AMC Clinical examination.

Copies of the *AMC Handbook of Multiple Choice Questions* and all other AMC educational resources, including books, DVDs and reports, can be purchased online at [www.amc.org.au](http://www.amc.org.au).

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