

International Medical Graduate (IMG): AMC Candidate Account Guide

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Acronyms and Glossary of Terms

Acronyms

Ahpra	The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency		
AoN	Area of Need		
CAT	Computer adaptive test		
ECFMG	Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates		
EICS	Educational International Credentials Services		
EPIC	Electronic Portfolio of International Credentials		
FAIMER	Foundation for Advancement of International Medical Education Research		
GMC	General Medical Council (UK)		
IMG	International Medical Graduate		
LMCC	Licentiate of the Medical Council of Canada		
MBA	Medical Board of Australia		
MCQ	Multiple Choice Questionnaire		
MCNZ	Medical Council of New Zealand		
NZREX	New Zealand Registration Examination		
PESCI	Pre-Employment Structured Clinical Interview		
PGY1	Postgraduate Year 1		
PGY2	Postgraduate Year 2		
PLAB	Professional and Linguistic Assessments Board		
PSV	Primary source verification		
USMLE	1LE United States Medical Licensing Examination		
WDoMS	S World Directory of Medical Schools		
WBA	Workplace Based Assessment		

Glossary of Terms

Ahpra	The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency is the national organisation responsible for implementing the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme (the National Scheme) across Australia.	
Area of need	Is a geographical location where the medical needs of its population are unmet. Individual Australian State and territory governments determine their own AoN locations.	
AMC examination status	 eligible The status on the candidate's AMC candidate account to indicate eligibility to proceed with the AMC examinations process. not eligible The status on the candidate's AMC candidate account to indicate inability to proceed with the AMC examinations process. This can be due to either outstanding requirements or no verification status (outsourced or verified) received for the medical degree (final medical diploma/primary qualification) in medicine and surgery. 	
AMC portfolio	This is an online application to the AMC for new and existing candidates. This platform allows candidates to add details of the medical degree (final medical diploma/primary qualification) in medicine and surgery and/or specialist/postgraduate qualifications to be verified for registration and/or co assessment purposes.	
Authorised translation service	A registered or sworn translator; their details must appear on each translated page.	
CAT	A form of computer-based test administration in which each candidate takes a unique, customised examination. The AMC Multiple Choice Examination is a CAT exam.	
CAT MCQ examination authorisation	An AMC-issued document authorising an eligible applicant to schedule for one examination event covered in a 12-month period (authorisation period). Once the authorisation has been consumed and the candidate needs to resit the examination, another authorisation can be purchased to reschedule for another CAT examination.	
CAT MCQ examination event	One of a number of events within a 12-month authorisation period—you can choose to sit the CAT MCQ examination at only one of the events.	
Competent authority	An overseas assessment or accreditation body approved by the Medical Board of Australia, with advice from the AMC, as competent to assess for medical registration the applied medical knowledge and basic clinical skills of IMGs. List of competent authorities are available on the Medical Board of Australia's website.	
Educational Commission for Foreign	ECFMG is a member of Intealth serves international organisations and authorities involved in medical registration, licensing and assessment by obtaining primary source verification of the medical education and registration credentials of	

Medical Graduates	medical graduates who completed their medical education outside their jurisdictions.		
EICS ECFMG International Credentials Services	This was the verification previously used (mid 2006 to 2015). Qualifications verified through EICS verification remains valid.		
Final medical diploma	Medical degree (final medical diploma/primary qualification) in medicine and surgery.		
Full English translation	A word-for-word translation from the original language to English.		
Intealth	Provides services that enhance and support the education and training of health care professionals, verify their qualifications required to practice, and inform the development of health workforce policies around the world.		
International Medical Graduate	 obtained a medical degree (final medical diploma/primary qualification) in medicine and surgery from a an eligible medical school including confirming the degree title and graduation years are eligible as on the AMC website completed additional postgraduate specialty training and examinations and is awarded specialist and/or postgraduate medical education qualifications and recognised as a specialist in the country that provided the training 		
Medical Board of Australia	 registers medical practitioners and medical students develops standards, codes and guidelines for the medical profession investigates notifications and complaints about medical practitioners where necessary, conducts panel hearings and refers serious matters to Tribunal hearings assesses international medical graduates who wish to practise in Australia, and approves accreditation standards and accredited courses of study 		
Medical degree	Final medical diploma/primary qualification in medicine and surgery		
MyIntealth	Online environment for accessing services offered by Intealth and its members, ECFMG and FAIMER.		
Pearson VUE	Provider who delivers the AMC CAT MCQ examination in Pearson VUE test centres in Australia and internationally and where an eligible candidate can schedule for a AMC CAT MCQ exam event.		
Pilot items	Non-scored items in the AMC CAT MCQ examination used to test and calibrate new questions for possible use in future examinations.		
PLAB	Professional and Linguistic Assessments Board test of the General Medical Council of the UK.		
Pre Employment	A PESCI is an objective assessment of the clinical experience, knowledge, skills and attributes of an international medical graduate to determine whether they are		

Structured Clinical Interview

suitable to practise in a specific position for which they are seeking registration. The Medical Board of Australia decides whether or not a PESCI is required, based on the nature of the position and the level of risk inherent in it. The AMC accredits PESCI providers.

Primary source verification

The process to check an international medical graduates' reported credentials and qualifications. Primary sources include medical school degree certificates, specialist qualifications, postgraduate medical education credentials (specialty training or residency credentials). The AMC uses the Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates' service to verify each international medical graduates' qualification and credentials.

Statutory declaration

A written statement declared to be true in the presence of an eligible witness.

Workplace Based Assessment

The WBA pathway it is an alternative to the AMC clinical exam component of the Standard assessment pathway for international medical graduates. A WBA program is a structured program (minimum six months) of on-the-job assessment. It tests if the candidate has adequate and appropriate set of clinical skills and the professional qualities to practise safely within the Australian healthcare environment and cultural setting. The AMC accredits the programs of WBA providers.

About

Welcome to the AMC Candidate Account Guide for International Medical Graduates (IMGs).

This guide can be used by new and returning/existing candidates to:

- check whether you are eligible for the AMC Portfolio
- assist you with your AMC applications process
- understand what documents you will need to provide
- continue with your pathway to achieve one or more types of registration as a medical practitioner.

Use the table of contents to find the relevant section.

The guide includes step-by-step instructions and detailed information. Follow these steps to ensure that you meet all requirements and avoid delays. With each set of step-by-step instructions there are screen shots to show what specific pages look like:

- WDoMS website (cyan colour border)
- AMC's website (cyan colour border)
- AMC candidate account (gold/yellow colour border); and
- AMC portfolio (green colour border)

You may find it useful to display bookmarks to directly access relevant sections.

We hope this guide will serve as a valuable resource, providing guidance and support as you navigate the path towards practising medicine in Australia.

Eligibility

Check to determine your pathway to registration

International medical graduates (IMGs) whose medical qualifications are from a medical school outside Australia or New Zealand and who are seeking registration to practise medicine in Australia must provide evidence of eligibility to undertake one of the following pathways:

- Competent Authority pathway
- Standard pathway
- Specialist pathway
- Short term training in a medical speciality pathway.

Use the check guide to determine which pathway(s) you may be eligible for.

Also refer to the <u>Medical Board of Australia</u>'s (MBA) website for further information on the requirements for different registration types.

Check eligible medical schools, medical degree titles (final medical diploma/ primary qualification) and graduation years

The primary source verification of <u>medical qualifications</u> is mandated under the Health Practitioner Regulation National Law Act 2009 (National Law) for all IMGs seeking registration in any category in Australia.

The AMC uses the Education Commission of Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), a member of Intealth, <u>Electronic Portfolio of International Credentials</u> (EPIC) rigorous primary source verification service for verifying medical credentials.

Before applying for your AMC Portfolio, you must check:

- your medical school
- your medical degree title (final medical diploma/primary qualification)
- graduation year

You can check these via the check on the AMC website. Please follow these steps.

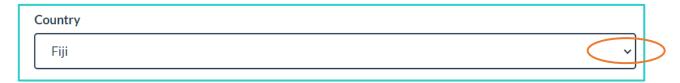
Step 1 – Confirm your medical school is eligible to proceed with your AMC Portfolio

IMGs who have a medical degree (final medical diploma/primary qualification) in medicine and surgery awarded by a training institution as listed on the <u>AMC website</u> are eligible to establish an AMC Portfolio.

The World Directory of Medical Schools (WDoMS) is the AMC's primary source for a list of medical schools, their dates of operation, and degrees awarded. The AMC's eligibility requirements align with the eligibility requirements that the United States Education Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates lists through its sponsor note in the World Directory. The AMC uses the <u>ECFMG sponsor note eligibility criteria</u> to determine eligibility. It is only relevant for medical institutions that issued your medical degree (final medical diploma/primary qualification). It is not relevant for postgraduate/specialist qualifications.

Note that the information in the medical school eligibility tool is based on the most current information available and is subject to change.

Select the relevant Country - by using the dropdown arrow



Select your medical school

From the results page, select your **Medical School**



What if I'm unable to find my medical school, degree title and/or graduation year?

Contact your medical school. An official from your medical school will need to follow the steps in **Requesting an <u>ECFMG Sponsor Note</u>**. If the ECFMG determines that a medical school meets the requirements, it will include an ECFMG Sponsor Note in the school's W<u>DoMS</u> listing.

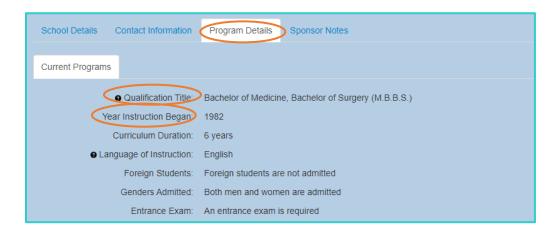
Step 2 – Confirm the degree title and graduation year of your medical degree (final medical diploma/primary qualification) are eligible.

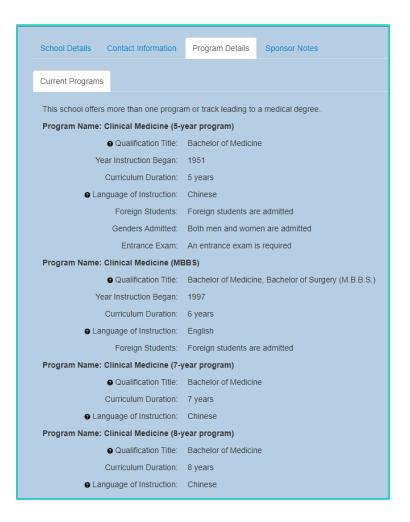
Once you have selected your eligible medical school you will be directed to the World Directory of Medical School website.

Select the Program Details tab.



In the **Program Details tab** confirm the **Qualification Title** is correct and that the graduation year of your medical degree (final medical diploma/primary qualification) is included in the **Year Instruction Began.**





Read the Sponsor Note

It is important that your graduating year is within the range that is shown in the ECFMG sponsor note.

Sample 1

Shows graduation years from start year to current year



Sample 2

Shows specific graduation year range:

Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG), United States of America

- Students and graduates of this medical school are eligible to apply to ECFMG for ECFMG Certification and for examination, provided that:
 - For medical school students officially enrolled in this school, the graduation years are listed below as "current".
 - For graduates of this medical school, their graduation year is included in the graduation years listed below.
 Graduation Years:
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 - The degree title of the final medical diploma the student will earn, or the graduate has earned (and must provide), is listed in the Reference Guide for Medical Education Credentials.
 - · All other eligibility requirements are met. Refer to the ECFMG Information Booklet for detailed information.

What if my degree title or graduation years don't match the information in the ECFMG Sponsor Note?

Contact your medical school. An official from your medical school will need to refer to the **Requesting an ECFMG Sponsor Note.**

Steps to create an AMC candidate account and establish an AMC Portfolio

The AMC portfolio is an online application system to provide you with access to your personal and qualification information, including relevant verification status(es) as well as information to assist with your relevant pathway to registration.

To apply you must complete the following six steps in this order:

- Step 1 Confirm your medical school, medical degree title and graduation year eligibility
- Step 2 Create an EPIC account
- Step 3 Create an AMC candidate account
- Step 4 Establish an AMC portfolio
- <u>Step 5</u> Proceed with your eligible pathway
- Step 6 Qualification(s) verified

Step 1 – Confirm your medical school, medical degree title (final medical diploma/primary qualification) and graduation year eligibility

Your medical degree, including your medical school, medical degree title (final medical diploma/primary qualification) in clinical medicine and surgery, and graduation year must all be eligible.

Refer to the Eligibility section - Check of eligible schools, medical degree titles (final medical diploma/primary qualification) and graduation years.

Step 2 – Create an EPIC account

The EPIC is the platform used by the AMC to confirm that your medical credentials are authentic and acceptable. It is a service offered by the ECFMG.

Create an EPIC account. ECFMG should provide your EPIC ID to you within 2-3 business days.

Once you have your EPIC ID, as you upload each qualification to your EPIC account, ensure that you nominate the AMC to receive the EPIC statuses. The AMC will be notified when your qualification(s) have been sent for verification (outsource notification) and will receive an EPIC verification report once the verification is complete.

The credentials required for each pathway

You must submit the following for primary source verification (PSV):

Standard Pathway (PSV, AMC assessments - AMC certificate) for general registration	Competent Authority Pathway (PSV, no AMC assessment-no AMC certificate) for general registration	Specialist Pathway and/or Short-Term Training in a Medical Specialty Pathway (includes specialist recognition, specialist area of need and short-term specialist training – PSV, no AMC assessment)
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Refer to the ECFMG website for a list of definitions of EPIC medical qualification categories.

For more information about the EPIC application process, refer to the <u>ECFMG website</u>. Also refer to ECFMGs <u>Special Instructions for Physicians Applying to Practice in Australia</u> for important notes on credentials verified through EPIC. If you have any questions about the EPIC process, please <u>contact ECFMG</u> for assistance.

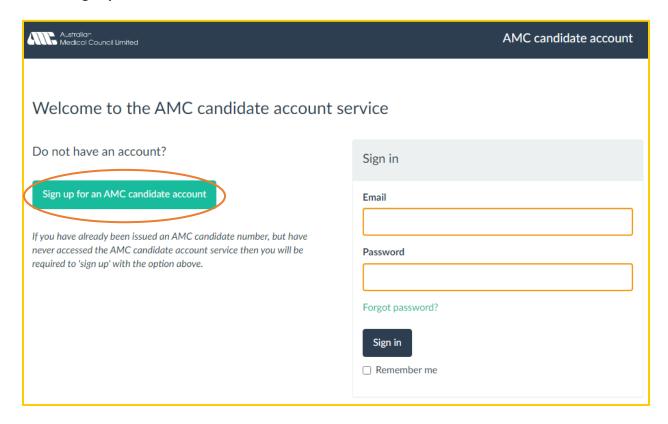
Step 3 – Create an AMC candidate account

- If you do not have an AMC candidate account, you must create one.
- If you created an AMC candidate account prior to 1 October 2015, you will need to create a new account (if you have not created it already).
- If you created an AMC candidate account after 1 October 2015, you can sign in.

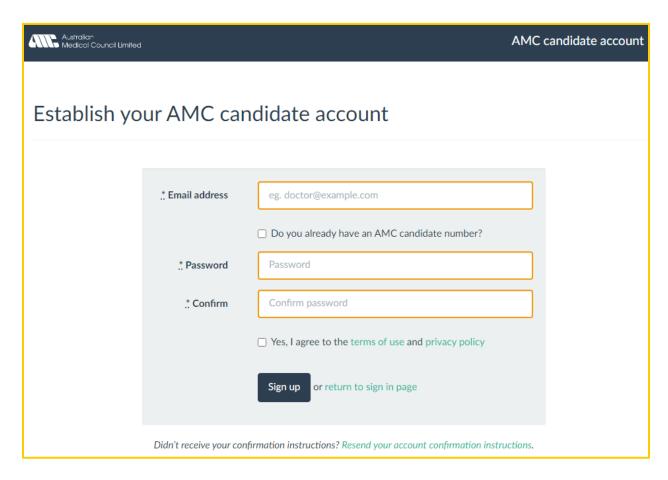
Refer to <u>FAQs - AMC candidate account/Portfolio/EPIC verifications</u> for information on what is an AMC candidate account and what options are available in your AMC candidate account.

You can create an AMC candidate account via the Your AMC candidate account service.

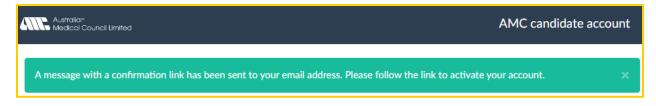
Click on Sign up for an AMC candidate account



- Enter your email address be sure that the spelling is correct to avoid delays.
- Do you already have an AMC candidate number? Tick that box and enter your AMC candidate number.
- Create a password and confirm password.
- Read the terms of use and privacy policy and then tick the box to indicate your acceptance.
- Click on Sign up.



A message will be sent to your email address with instructions on how to activate your AMC candidate account.

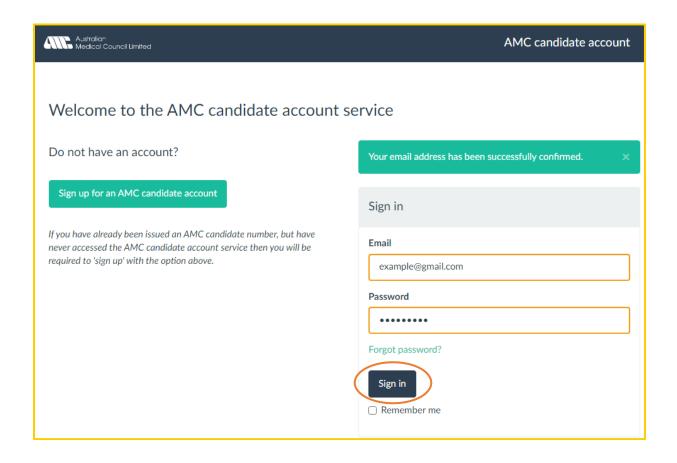


Access your email account to find the AMC candidate account confirmation message.

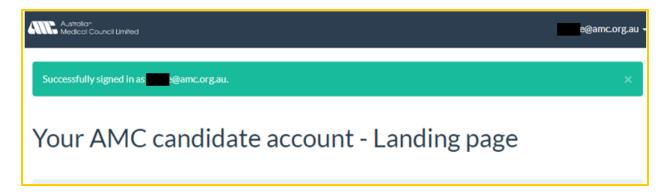


Click on Confirm my account button.

Once your AMC candidate account has been confirmed, you can continue to sign into your AMC candidate account by entering your email address and password and click **Sign in**.

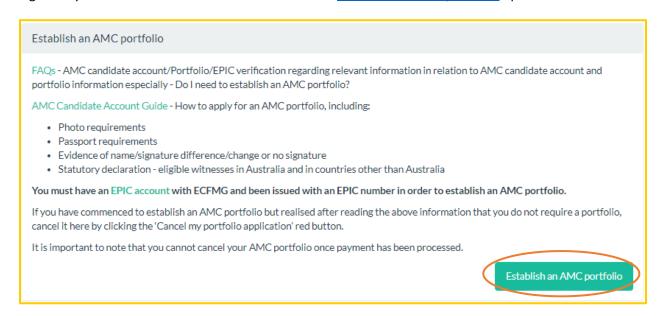


This will open your AMC candidate account – Landing page



Step 4 – Establish an AMC Portfolio

Sign into your AMC candidate account and select the **Establish an AMC portfolio** option.

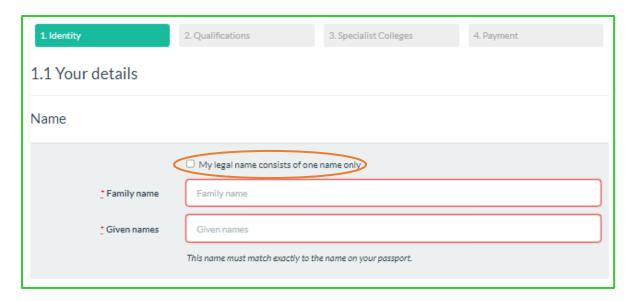


Identity

Enter your personal details

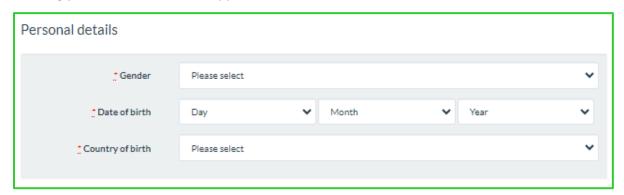
Be sure to complete ALL compulsory fields shown in red below.

Both your Family name(s) and Given name(s) fields are to be entered as per your current official passport. Should both your family and given names appear as one line on your official passport, tick **My legal name consists of one name only** box.



Complete all fields correctly by using the drop-down options. All fields must be completed.

Enter your **Date of birth** by following the prompts (this is crucial for live validation with ECFMG when entering your EPIC ID later in the application).



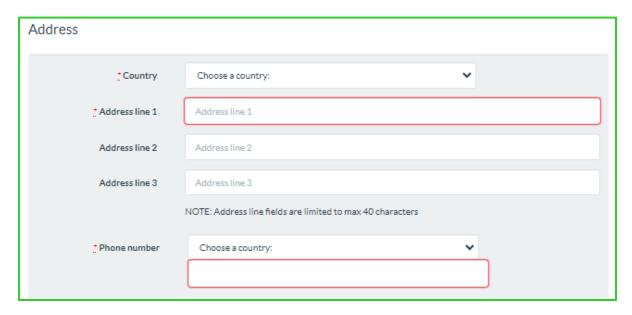
Non-Australian addresses

Complete your full postal address details. Be sure to complete ALL compulsory fields as shown in red below.

Select your **Country** by using the drop-down option.

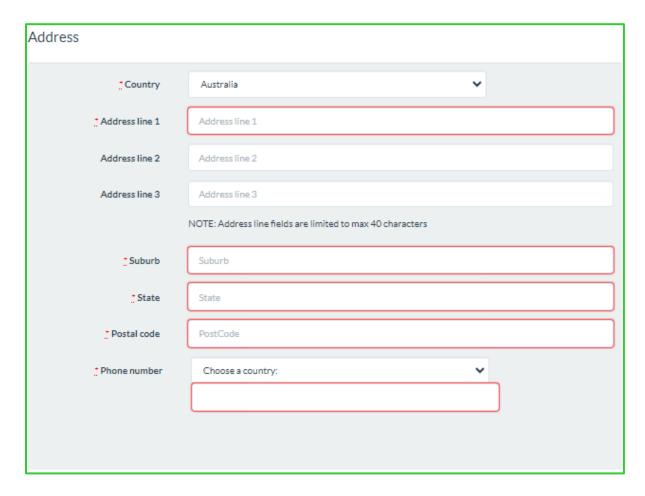
You will need to provide your full address. You can add multiple information in each **Address line** by using commas but note that it is limited to 40 characters.

It is compulsory to provide a **Phone number**. Use the drop-down options to select your country code. For landline numbers, it is important to also add the area code.

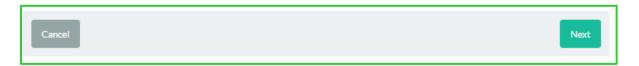


Australian addresses

Be sure to complete ALL compulsory fields (shown in red below).



Click **Next** to proceed:



Your ID photo

The AMC will use your photo for identity confirmation and assessment purposes.

Photo requirements

You will need to provide a passport-sized photo that meets the following requirements:

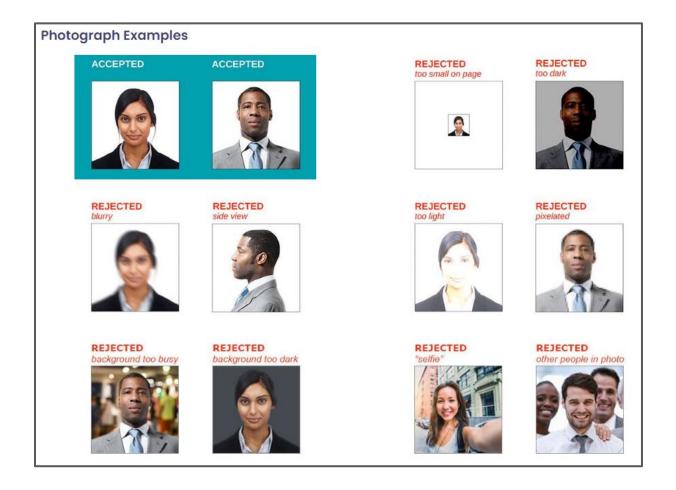
- full colour
- 35-40 mm wide and 45-50 mm long
- good quality high resolution
- sharply focused (not blurred)
- not too dark and not too light
- not scanned or homemade
- current no more than 6 months old (and updated every 2 years once your photo has been accepted)
- unmarked (no ink or marks on the edge)
- in front of a plain light-coloured background

- full-front view of head and shoulders with eyes open and clearly visible
- provided in one of the following file formats, JPEG or PNG
- File size to be no more than 5 megabytes.

Note that photos will be rejected if requirements are not met.

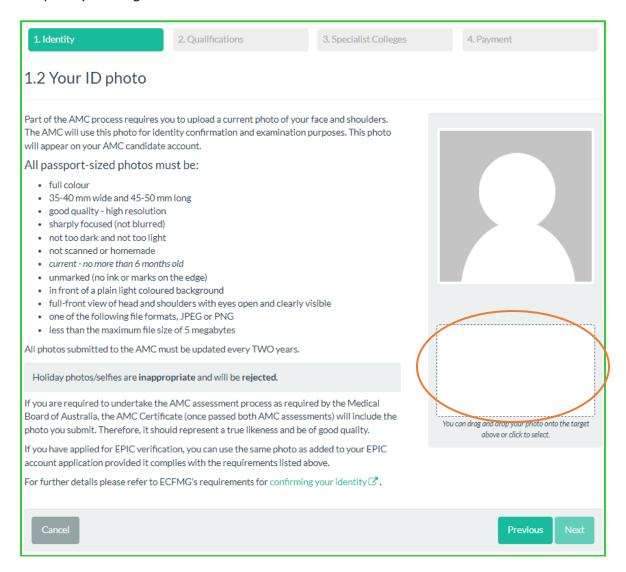
Below are examples of acceptable and unacceptable photos.

For guidance, refer to https://www.ecfmg.org/psv/physicians-confirming-identity.html



Upload your photo

To upload a photo, you can either drag and drop the image in the **white block** area or click the white block to upload your image.



Your passport

Passport requirements

You will need to provide a copy of the identification page(s) in your current and valid passport. The AMC will amend your names in your AMC candidate account if necessary, so it matches your passport details.

Your passport copy must include:

- name
- nationality
- date of birth (dd/mm/yyyy)
- gender
- place and country of birth
- photo

- passport number
- passport expiration date
- signature.

If your passport does not include your signature

You will need to submit one of the following current/valid documents as secondary identification with your passport:

- a copy of your driver's license (must be signed); or
- a statutory declaration to confirm your signature and any versions of your signature.

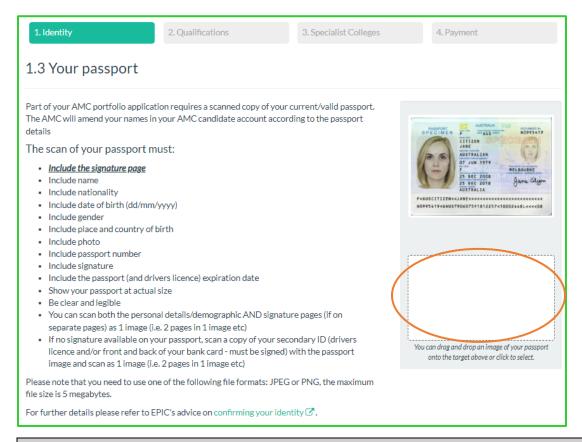
The copy should also:

- show your passport at actual size
- photo and all text must be clear and easy to read
- be in a JPEG or PNG file format
- not exceed a file size of 5 megabytes.

If any identification documentation is in a non-English language, you will need to supply a full word-forword English translation completed by an authorised translation service. This can be uploaded together as one document or multiple pages as one upload.

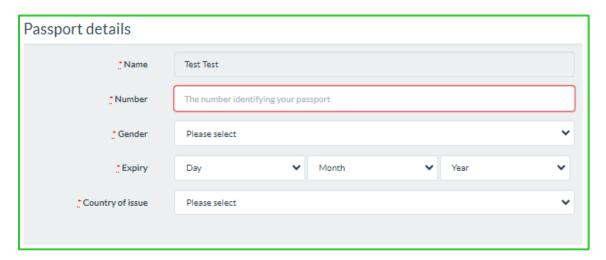
Upload a scanned copy of your passport

To add your passport image, you can either drag and drop the image in the white block area or click the white block to upload your image.



If your signature page is separate to the personal details and photo page (biographical page), make sure you provide both pages as either a 1- or 2-page document (both images are to be uploaded as a single document).

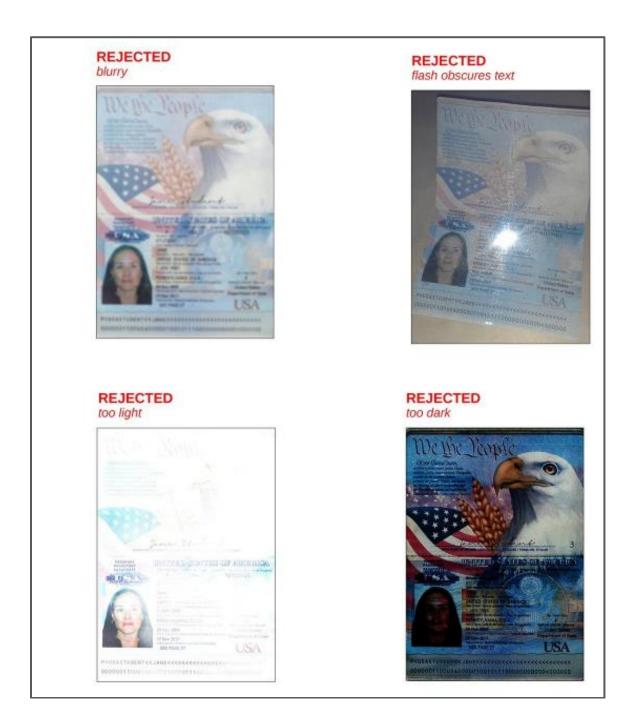
Enter your passport details. All fields are compulsory.



Below are samples of acceptable passport images and unacceptable passport images.

For guidance, refer to https://www.ecfmg.org/psv/physicians-confirming-identity.html





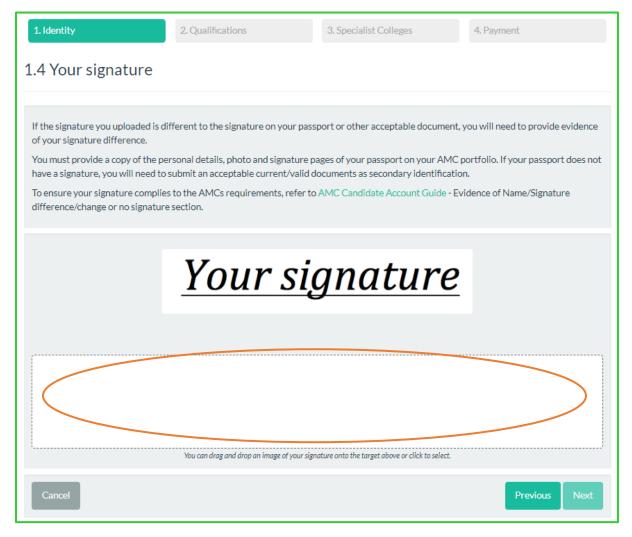
Click **Next** to proceed:



Your signature

You must add a signature image. You can either drag and drop the image into the **white block** area or click the white block to upload your image.

If your passport does not have your signature you will need to provide secondary identification.

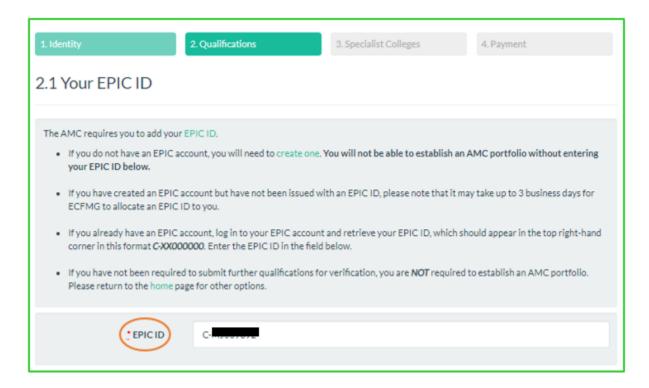


Click Next to proceed



Your EPIC ID

Enter the EPIC ID exactly as issued to you by ECFMG (this is crucial for live validation with ECFMG and will allow you to proceed with your portfolio application).



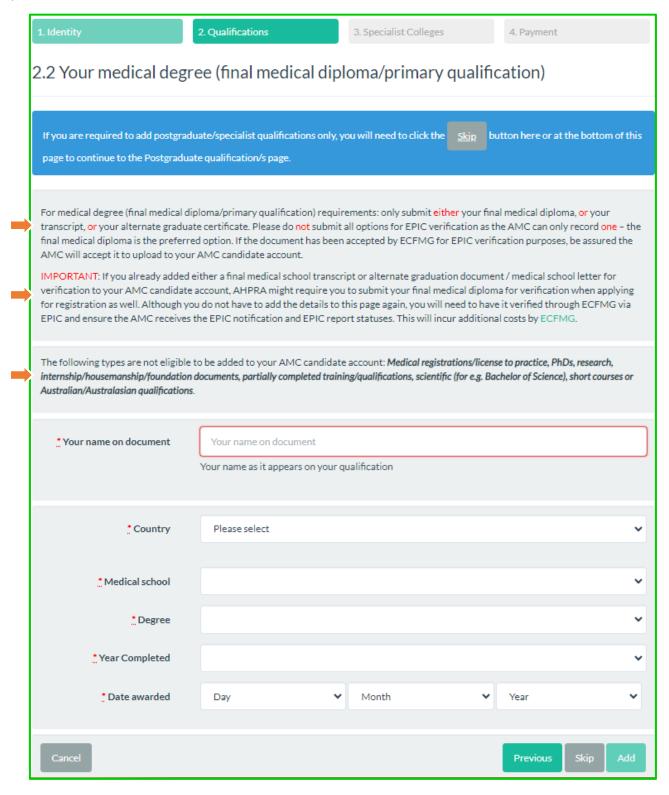
Click Next to proceed



Qualifications

Enter your medical degree (final medical diploma/primary qualification) details

Read the information provided in the top 3 sections of the primary qualifications tab before entering your details.



Enter your name(s) as they appear on the degree document in the **Your name on document** section.

For new candidates

Complete all fields correctly so that they reflect the information on your medical degree.

Click **Add** to proceed.



For returning candidates

ONLY complete this section if you have not previously obtained verification through the AMC (for example your medical degree has been EICS verified). This information is available on your AMC candidate account.

Click **Skip** or **Add** to proceed.



Enter your postgraduate qualification/training and/or specialist qualification details

Read the information provided in the top section and blue section of the postgraduate and/or specialist qualification(s) tab before entering your details.

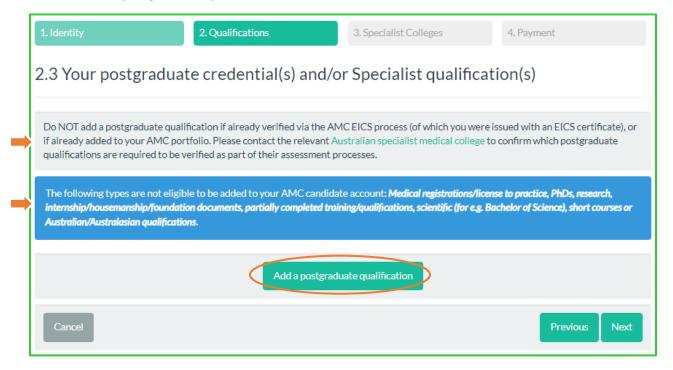
Do NOT enter your medical degree (final medical diploma/primary qualification) details in this section.

ONLY add eligible postgraduate and/or specialist qualification(s). Be sure to check with the relevant <u>Australian/Australasian specialist medical college</u> that the qualification(s) are acceptable for the specialist college's purposes BEFORE adding details of the qualification to the AMC and EPIC accounts.

Only the specialist college can determine and advise which postgraduate and/or specialist qualification(s) are required. The AMC is NOT responsible for specialist assessment and therefore cannot advise on any specialist assessment requirements.

Your qualification's examination and training must be **COMPLETED** for it to be added to your AMC candidate account.

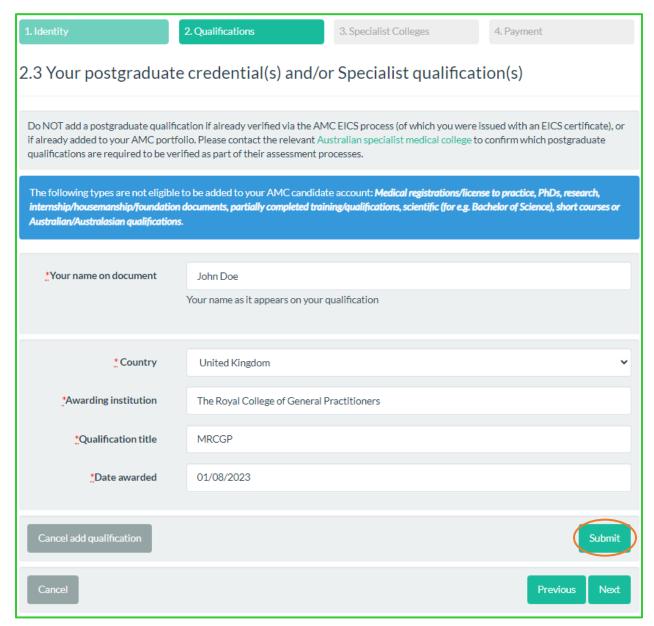
Click the Add a postgraduate qualification



Enter your name(s) as they appear on the qualification document in the **Your name on document** section.

Follow the prompts and enter your details.

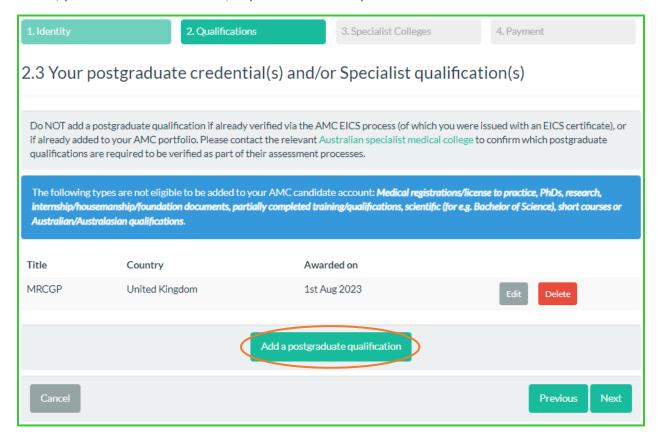
Below is an example. Make sure you enter **YOUR** details.



Click **Submit**. If you do not click submit it will not add the details to your portfolio.

If you have more than 1 postgraduate and/or specialist qualification(s) to add to your portfolio, click **add** postgraduate qualification button and repeat the above process.

Once you have finished entering your postgraduate medical education credential/specialist qualification details, you will see them in the list, as per the below sample:

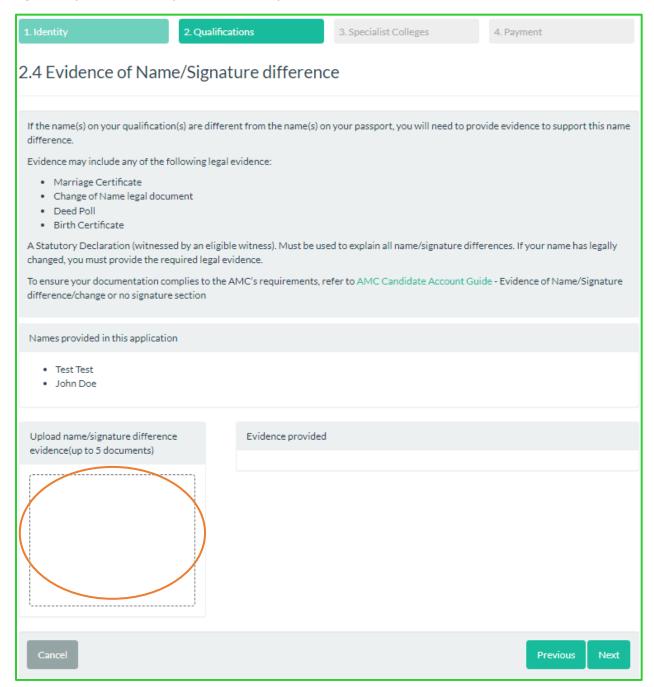


Once you have entered your eligible postgraduate and/or specialist qualification(s), click **Next** to proceed.



Evidence of Name/signature difference/change or no signature

If the names on your qualification(s) are different from the names on your passport you will need to provide evidence of your legal change of name or name difference. If your <u>passport does not include your signature</u> you will need to provide secondary identification:



Upload a scanned copy of your name difference document

To add document(s), you can either drag and drop them in the white block area or click the white block to upload your document.

Different name

If the name(s) on your qualification(s) are different from the name(s) on your passport, you will need to provide evidence to support this name difference.

Evidence may include any of the following legal evidence:

- Marriage Certificate
- Change of Name legal document
- Deed Poll
- Birth Certificate

A Statutory Declaration (witnessed by an <u>eligible witness</u>). Must be used to explain all name/signature differences only. **If your name has legally changed**, you must provide the required legal evidence.

Also refer to statutory declaration and eligible witness information.

Submit the document evidence via the 'Document evidence' option on your <u>AMC candidate account</u> landing page.

If the name difference/change document is in a non-English language, you will need to supply a full word-for-word English translation completed by an authorised translation service. This can be uploaded together as one document or multiple pages as one upload.

Different signature

If the signature you uploaded is different to the signature on your passport or other acceptable document, you will need to provide evidence of your signature difference.

To do this you must submit **one** of the following valid documents as secondary identification with your passport:

- a copy of your driver's licence (must be signed), OR
- a <u>Statutory Declaration</u> to confirm your signature and any versions of your signature.

Submit the signature evidence via the 'View/update signature' option on your <u>AMC candidate account</u> landing page.

If the document showing a signature difference is in a non-English language, you will need to supply a full word-for-word English translation completed by an authorised translation service. This can be uploaded together as one document or multiple pages as one upload.

Statutory declaration

A statutory declaration is a written statement declared to be true in the presence of an authorised eligible witness.

You must submit a *Statutory Declaration* form if any of the following apply:

- your passport or driver's licence does not contain a signature
- the signature on your passport or driver's licence is not the same as the signature on your application form
- you have a name difference (not a legal name change).

A Statutory Declaration may only be used to explain the reason for a name difference. It <u>CANNOT</u> be used to legally change your name – this will require an official government issued name change document. You will need to include one of the types of evidence documents as listed in <u>Different Name</u>.

You will need to upload your Statutory Declaration in one of the following file formats; JPEG or PNG. The maximum file size is 5 megabytes.

The statutory declaration must be witnessed by an eligible witness.

Eligible witnesses in Australia

The AMC accepts persons listed on the <u>Statutory Declaration</u> form as eligible witnesses in Australia.

Eligible witnesses in countries other than Australia

The AMC accepts the following persons as eligible witnesses in countries other than Australia:

- Foreign Notary Public
- Commissioner of Oaths (South Africa, Sudan and Canada only)
- An Australian Consular or Diplomatic Officer or authorised officer. You will need to contact the
 <u>Australian Embassy or Consular</u> to arrange for an appointment before travelling to ensure that the
 necessary staff are available.
- Foreign documents that bear an Apostille issued by a Foreign Government may be submitted without further certification. The AMC accepts an apostille as an eligible witness able to certify documents as part of the primary source verification requirements.
- An Australian Diplomatic Officer means a person appointed to hold or act in any of the following offices of the Commonwealth in a country or place outside of Australia:
 - Ambassador
 - High Commissioner
 - Minister
 - Head of a Mission
 - Commissioner
 - Chargé d'Affaires
 - Counsellor, Secretary or Attaché at an Embassy, High Commissioner's office, Legation or other post.
 - Locally engaged staff who have been authorised by the Secretary of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade to also perform the function.

Fees may be prescribed for consular acts. The regulations may provide for the imposition of fees, to be collected on behalf of the Commonwealth, for the performance, whether in Australia or elsewhere, of consular acts by:

- an Australian Diplomatic Officer or an Australian Consular Officer
- the person holding or acting in the office of Secretary of the Department or an officer of the Department acting with the authority of the Secretary
- an employee of the Commonwealth authorised, in writing, by the Secretary of the Department an employee of the Australian Trade Commission authorised, in writing, by the Secretary of the Department.

Click **Next** to proceed.



Specialist Colleges

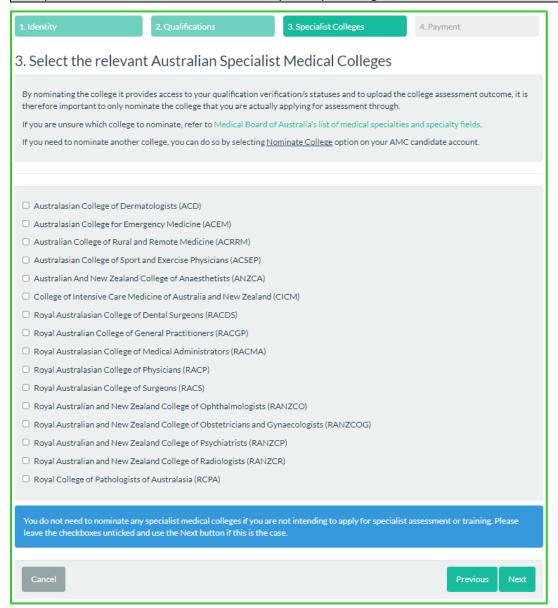
If you are applying for assessment of:

- comparability to the standard of a specialist trained in your specialty in Australia, you apply through the specialist pathway;
- a specialist position in an area of need in Australia, through the <u>specialist pathway;</u>
- Short term training in a medical specialty of specialist or advanced training in Australia, through the short term training in a medical specialty pathway.

Nominate the relevant Australian or Australasian Specialist Medical College

This will allow the nominated college(s) to access your qualification information including verification status(es) and to upload their specialist assessment outcome documentation to the AMCs College Portal.

ONLY select the college(s) that you are applying to for specialist assessment. If you are **NOT** applying for specialist assessment, **DO NOT** select any/multiple colleges.



If you are unsure about which college to select during your application, you can return to your AMC candidate account later and click on **Nominate college** on the landing page.

Alternatively, you can nominate a college when adding an additional qualification to your AMC candidate account.

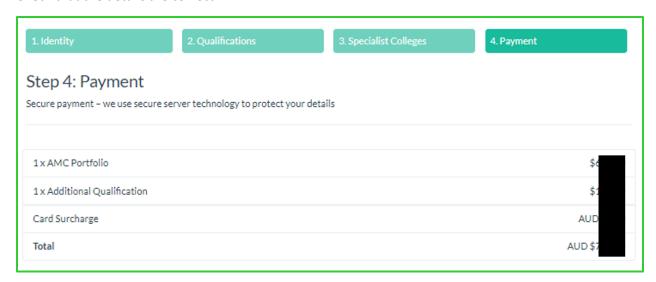


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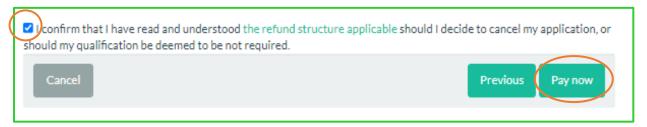


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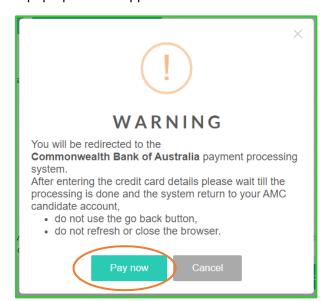
Check that the details are correct.



Read the <u>fees and charges</u> and tick the box to confirm that you understand the fee being charged as well as the refund structure. You will need to tick this box to proceed to payment.



A pop-up box will appear



Click **Pay now** to enter your credit card details or cancel if you do not want to proceed with payment. Note that if you do not proceed with payment the portfolio application will not be processed.

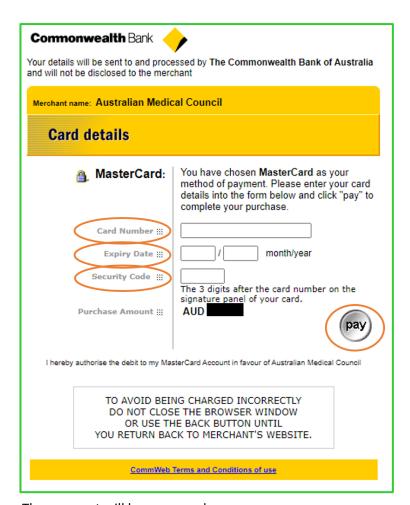
After clicking on **Pay now**, a pop-up screen will appear.

Select either MasterCard or VISA depending on your credit card type.

Enter the correct card details.

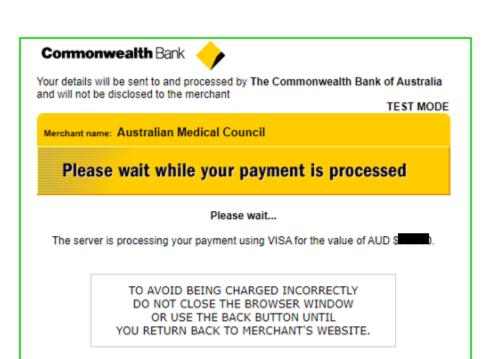
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Click on pay





The payment will be processed.

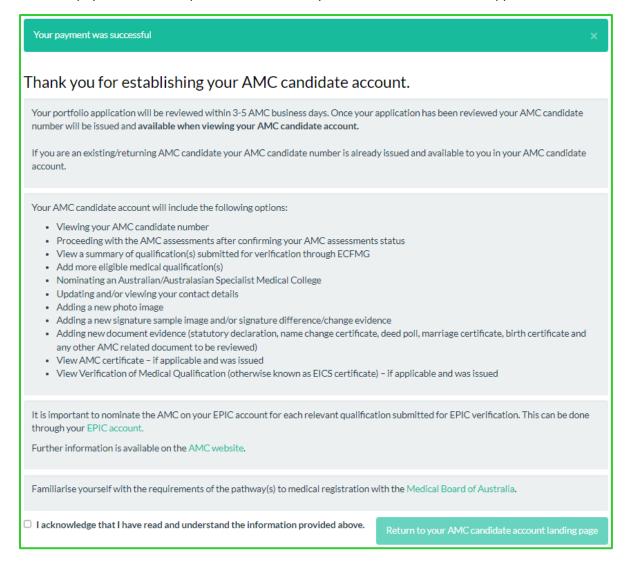


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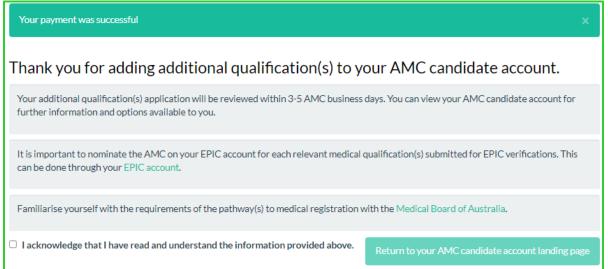
DO NOT click the back, refresh, or escape buttons on your browser.

Application acknowledgement

Once the payment has been processed successfully, a confirmation screen will appear.



For additional qualification applications:



You must read and understand all the information provided to you on this page. Then, **tick** the box to acknowledge you have done this.

Once you have **ticked** the acknowledgement, the **'Return to your AMC candidate account landing page'** button will become active to be selected:

I acknowledge that I have read and understand the information provided above.

Return to your AMC candidate account landing page

Once you have acknowledged the application(s), an acknowledgement confirmation is available to you on your AMC candidate account landing page, together with your tax invoice/receipt link.

By **NOT** acknowledging this information and then exit the page, when you sign into your AMC candidate account the acknowledgement will return for you to read, understand, and acknowledge.

Step 5 - Proceed with your eligible pathway

Check your eligible pathway

Step 6 – Qualification(s) verified

You must add all eligible qualifications verified by EPIC to your AMC Portfolio. This will then allow the AMC to update your verification status once received from ECFMG. The AMC cannot update your verification status to "yes" without receiving the EPIC report.

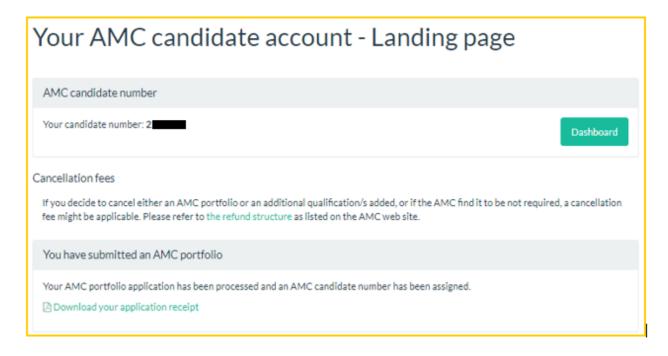
The verification information is made available through the AMC portal to the:

- Medical Board of Australia for registration purposes.
- Relevant specialist college(s) for specialist assessment purposes.

AMC candidate account landing page options

An AMC candidate account holds your information and available options. The following options are available on your AMC candidate account – Landing page:

- Viewing your AMC candidate number and only where applicable adding your AMC candidate number
- Establishing an AMC Portfolio only if required
- Proceeding with AMC assessments
- Verification status of your medical qualification(s) (it can be either through EPIC and/or EICS)
- Add more eligible medical qualification(s)
- Nominating an Australian/Australasian Specialist Medical College
- Updating your contact details
- Viewing/Adding photo image
- Viewing/Adding signature image and/or signature evidence
- Adding document evidence
- View AMC certificate if applicable and was issued
- View EICS certificate (Verification of Medical Qualification) if applicable and issued



AMC assessments

Once you are assigned an AMC candidate number, and your assessment status is Eligible you may proceed with the AMC assessment process if applicable (depends on the pathway to medical registration you are eligible for with the Medical Board of Australia.

AMC assessments

Verification status of my medical qualification(s)(EPIC/EICS)

You can view a summary of your qualification(s) submitted to ECFMG for verification, with the current verification status(es). Refer to AMC Candidate Account Guide - Verification status of qualification(s) section for further information.

See qualifications

Add more eligible medical qualification(s)

To be able to add eligible medical qualification(s) to your AMC candidate account, you must have established an AMC (initial) portfolio and assigned with an AMC candidate number.

If you are required by either the Medical Board of Australia and/or an Australian/Australasian Specialist Medical College to submit further medical specialist/postgraduate qualification(s) for EPIC verification, a fee is payable for each qualification added to your AMC candidate account. Do NOT add qualification(s) already verified via the EICS process through the AMC, or already added to your AMC candidate account.

- a. For medical degree (final medical diploma/primary qualification) purposes, note the following:
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 alternate graduation document and/or the final medical transcript for verification as well (the AMC is only able to show 1
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 medical degree details. The AMC encourages all IMG's to seek advice from the Board to determine the medical registration
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- b. For specialist qualification/postgraduate training enquiries, please contact the relevant Australian/Australasian Specialist College to confirm which qualification(s) are required to be verified for their specialist assessment/registration purposes.
- c. The following types are NOT eligible to be added to your AMC candidate account: Medical registrations/license to practice, PhDs, research, internship/housemanship/foundation documents, partially completed training/qualifications, scientific (for e.g. Bachelor of Science), short courses or Australian/Australasian qualifications.

Refer to the ECFMG website for a list of EPIC medical qualification categories.

It is important to note that all relevant verifications are listed on the AMC's portal, accessed by the Medical Board of Australia for registration purposes, and the relevant Australian/Australasian Specialist Medical Colleges for specialist assessment purposes.

Download your additional qualification receipt

Add qualification

Nominate an Australian/Australasian Specialist Medical College

Only nominate the College that you will submit an application to for specialist assessment. This will allow the college to view all qualification(s) you have submitted for verification and to upload your specialist assessment outcome(s), used by the Medical Board of Australia to view for registration purposes.

Nominate college

Update contact details

Update full address (postal address preferred), mobile phone number and email address.

Update contact details

View/update photo image

To update the photo on your AMC candidate account, select the View/Upload photo image button. To ensure your photo complies to the AMCs requirements refer to AMC Candidate Account Guide - Photo requirements.

View/Upload photo

View/update signature image and/or signature evidence

To update your signature on your AMC candidate account, select the View/Upload signature image/evidence button. To ensure your signature complies to the AMCs requirements, refer to AMC Candidate Account Guide - Evidence of Name/Signature difference/change or no signature section.

View/Upload signature

Document evidence

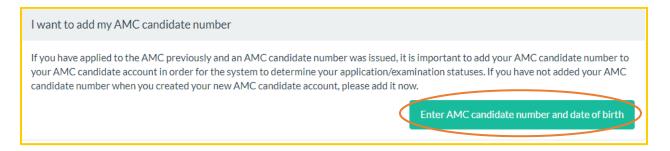
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Upload evidence

Add your AMC candidate number

If you have previously applied to the AMC and have been issued an AMC candidate number and did not enter your AMC candidate number when creating/signing up for the AMC candidate account, it is important to add your AMC candidate number to your AMC candidate account for the system to link your existing candidature to the new account system.

If you forgot to add your AMC candidate number when creating the account, you can add it on your landing page by clicking on *Enter AMC candidate number and date of birth*. You will need to add both your AMC candidate number and your date of birth.



View your AMC candidate number



Establish an AMC Portfolio

Only if required, all new eligible candidates must submit an AMC portfolio application.

Click on **Establish an AMC portfolio** – see <u>steps</u>.

You can click **Continue my AMC portfolio application** to proceed. You can click **Cancel my portfolio application** if you change your mind and would like to cancel the application or if you are having technical difficulties and would like to restart the application.

Establish an AMC portfolio

FAQs - AMC candidate account/Portfolio/EPIC verification regarding relevant information in relation to AMC candidate account and portfolio information especially - Do I need to establish an AMC portfolio?

AMC Candidate Account Guide - How to apply for an AMC portfolio, including:

- Photo requirements
- Passport requirements
- · Evidence of name/signature difference/change or no signature
- · Statutory declaration eligible witnesses in Australia and in countries other than Australia

You must have an EPIC account with ECFMG and been issued with an EPIC number in order to establish an AMC portfolio.

If you have commenced to establish an AMC portfolio but realised after reading the above information that you do not require a portfolio, cancel it here by clicking the 'Cancel my portfolio application' red button.

It is important to note that you cannot cancel your AMC portfolio once payment has been processed.

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Cancel my portfolio application

Continue my AMC portfolio application

Once your portfolio has been completed, you can download your receipt.

You have submitted an AMC portfolio

Your AMC portfolio application has been processed and an AMC number has been assigned.

🔁 Download your application receipt

AMC assessments

Please contact the <u>Medical Board of Australia</u> to check if you need to complete the AMC assessments process (AMC certificate) for registration purposes. This will depend on which pathway to registration you are eligible for.

Once your assessment status states you are eligible in the AMC candidate account, you may proceed with the AMC assessments process.

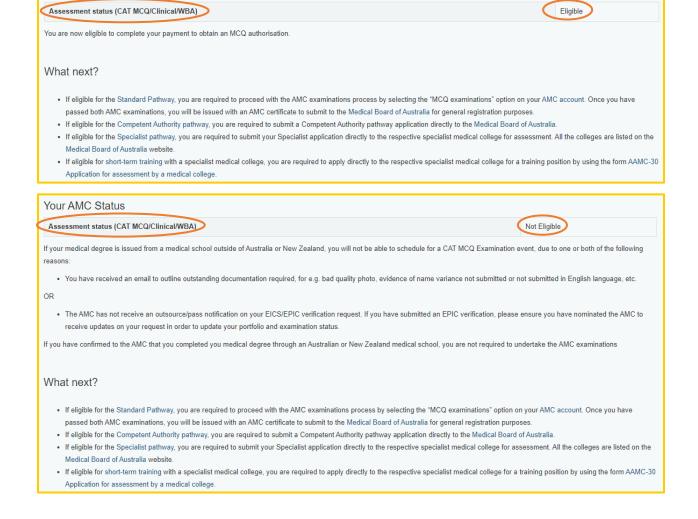


Select the **AMC** assessments option to proceed.

Assessment status

Your AMC Status

It is important to check your **Assessment Status** to see if you are eligible to proceed with the AMC examinations.

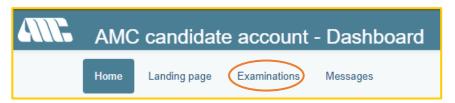


Different AMC statuses:

- Not eligible
- Eligible
- Eligible for MCQ examination
- Scheduled/awaiting results
- Eligible for Clinical Examination
- Scheduled for Clinical Examination
- Scheduled for WBA
- Passed the Clinical Examination
- Passed the WBA

Contact the relevant AMC team for further information about the examinations process and status.

To proceed with AMC examinations, select the **Examinations** option at the top of the page:

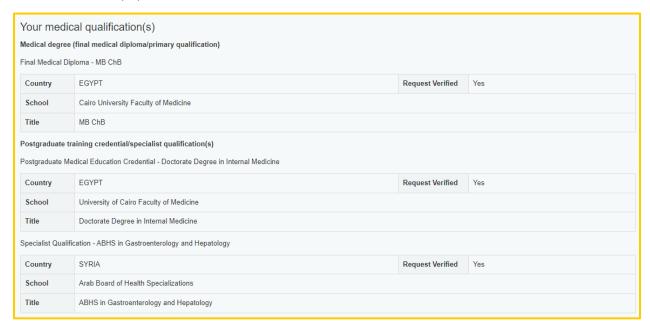


Verification status of qualification(s)

View a summary of the qualification(s) submitted for verification through ECFMG (EPIC and/or EICS) by clicking on the **See qualifications** option

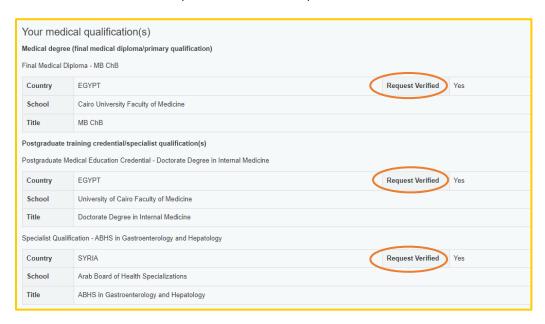


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Request verified

Until the AMC receives an outsource notification and/or EPIC verification report this will remain No. Once it is received, reviewed and processed it will be updated to Yes.



Request Outsourced



Until the AMC receives an outsource notification and/or EPIC verification report this will remain No. Once it's received, reviewed, and processed it will be updated to Yes.

The AMC cannot update your verification status to Yes without receiving the EPIC verification report.

If **Await EPIC status confirmation** appears on the qualification details in your AMC candidate account, this means we do not have the correct information for the institution related to the qualification. This information will be added by the AMC when the EPIC status update has been received from ECFMG.

The verification information is made available through the AMC secure portal to the:

- Medical Board of Australia for registration purposes
- Relevant specialist college(s) for specialist assessment purposes.

You must nominate the AMC to receive EPIC verification status updates.

Also refer to ECFMGs <u>Special Instructions for Physicians Applying to Practice in Australia</u> for important notes on credentials verified through EPIC.

Allow up to 3 business days for your AMC candidate account's verification status(s) to be updated, after receiving email confirmation from ECFMG.

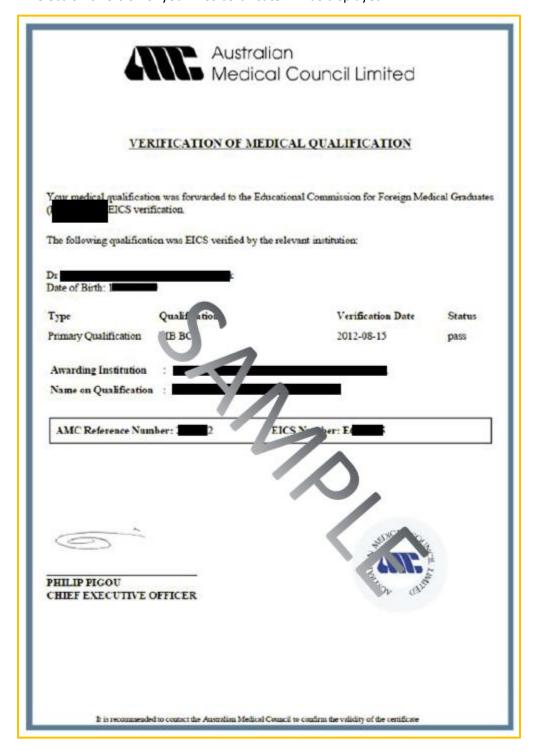
If you require any further assistance with your EPIC account, and EPIC verification process contact ECFMG.

EICS verifications process

If your qualification has been verified through the previous EICS verification process, you are able to view/download your Verification of Medical Qualification (otherwise known as EICS certificate).

Click on the View Certificate option in Request Verified.





Add more medical qualification(s)

Add more eligible medical qualification(s)

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Download your additional qualification receipt

Add qualification

To proceed, click on the **Add qualification** option on the landing page.

Add more eligible medical qualification(s)

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Additional Qualification Application Tax Invoice/Receipt

Cancel additional qualifications

Continue additional qualifications

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Once you have submitted your additional qualification application, you are able to download the application receipt.

Nominate an Australian/Australasian Specialist Medical College

Only nominate the College that you are submitting an application to for specialist assessment. This will allow the college to view all qualification(s) you have submitted for verification and to upload your specialist assessment outcome(s), used by the Medical Board of Australia for registration purposes.

Select the Nominate college option on the landing page

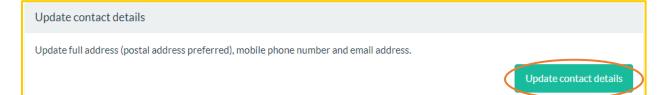


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Update contact details

If your personal information (phone / address / email address) changes, click on the **Update contact details** option



View/update photo image

To update the photo on your AMC candidate account, select the **View/Upload photo** option on the landing page. To ensure your photo complies to the AMCs requirements refer to <u>Photo requirements</u>.

View/update photo image

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View/update signature image and/or signature evidence

To update your signature on your AMC candidate account, select the **View/Upload signature** option on the landing page. To ensure your signature complies to the AMCs requirements, refer to Name/Signature difference/change.

View/update signature image and/or signature evidence

To update your signature on your AMC candidate account, select the View/Upload signature image/evidence button. To ensure your signature complies to the AMCs requirements, refer to AMC Candidate Account Guide - Evidence of Name/Signature difference/change or no signature section.



Document evidence

To submit document evidence regarding Name/signature difference/change or no signature, select the **Upload new evidence** option. To ensure your documentation complies to the AMC's requirements, refer to Name/signature difference/change or no signature.

Document evidence

To submit document evidence regarding Name/signature difference/change or no signature, statutory declaration, eligible witnesses, select the Upload new evidence option. To ensure your documentation complies to the AMC's requirements, refer to AMC Candidate Account Guide - Evidence of Name/Signature difference/change or no signature section.

Upload new evidence

View AMC certificate - if applicable and was issued

After successfully passing the AMC Clinical Examination or Workplace based assessment (WBA), you will be awarded the AMC certificate. This is awarded electronically and will be available in your AMC candidate account. Select the **View, download and/or print it** option on the landing page or dashboard.

AMC Certificate

Your AMC Certificate has been issued electronically. All AMC Certificates are being made available electronically to Ahpra and to the nominated Specialist College/s if applicable.

You can View, download and/or print it

Process flowcharts

How to establish an AMC portfolio

HOW TO ESTABLISH AN AMC PORTFOLIO

Step 1:

IMGs required to submit their medical degree (final medical diploma/primary qualification) in medicine and surgery for verification. It is important to determine that your medical school as well as your degree title and graduation year is eligible. (Refer to https://www.amc.org.au/assessment/pathways/self-check/list-of-medical-schools/)

Step 2:

Create EPIC account and nominate the AMC to receive verification status updates from ECFMG. Your EPIC ID will be confirmed in 2-3 working days. (Refer to: https://epic.ecfmgepic.org/login)

Also refer to ECFMGs Special Instructions for Physicians Applying to Practice in Australia for important notes on credentials verified through EPIC

(Refer to https://www.ecfmgepic.org/Instructions-amc.html)

Create an AMC account (if not done so already) (Refer to: https://account.amc.org.au/sign_in)

Establish an AMC portfolio (Refer to https://www.amc.org.au/assessment/amc-portfollo/)

Step 4: AMC to assess your application

Complete

Your AMC account will be updated with your AMC number and you will also be emailed confirmation with further instructions

Incomplete

You will be emailed with further instructions and required to submit documentation via your AMC account

Step 5: Proceed with pathway you are eligible for:

Standard Pathway

Proceed with the AMC examinations process for general registration purposes

(Refer to: http://www.amc.org.au/ assessment/pathways/standard/ exams)

For further information on the AMC examinations processes, refer to: https://www.amc.org.au/

assessment/amc-examinationsstandard-pathway/

For further information on the AMC certificate processes, refer to:

https://www.amc.org.au/ assessment/amc-certificates/

Competent Authority Pathway

Submit a Competent Authority pathway application directly to the Medical Board of Australia for assessment

For further information, refer to:

http:// www.medicalboard.gov.au/ Registration/international-Medical-Graduates/ Competent-Authority-Pathway.aspx

Specialist Pathway / Area of Need

Submit a specialist application directly to the relevant Australian specialist medical college for assessment

For further information, refer to: http:// www.med/calboard.gov.au /News/Useful-Contacts.aspx

Short-term training with an Australian specialist medical college

Apply directly to the relevant Australian specialist medical college for a training position by using form AAMC-30 Application for assessment by medical college

For further information, refer to: http:// www.medicalboard.gov.a u/Registration/ Forms aspx

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Step 3:

EPIC requires three documents to confirm your identity when you establish an EPIC Account:

- · A clear, colour photograph of your face.
- A scanned, colour image of the required pages of your passport.
- A completed EPIC Identification Form (EIF).

(Refer to http://https://www.ecfmg.org/psv/physicians-confirming-identity.html)

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When advised by ECFMG, upload relevant qualification/s to your EPIC account



Step 5:

ECFMG to perform prima facie of qualification and outsource to the awarding medical institution for completion



Step 6:

ECFMG provide outsourced notification status update to AMC (AMC must be nominated-part of Step 2)



Step 7:

Once qualification is verified, EPIC verification report will be made available to the AMC to update your verification statuses on your AMC account

(Refer to https://www.amc.org.au/assessment/amc-examinations-standard-pathway/)

Overview of pathways

