

Registration for Pathologists

Pathology is a recognised specialty branch of medical practice in Australia. The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia is the specialist medical college responsible for assessment of overseas trained specialist qualifications. There are job opportunities at consultant level in Australia.

The recognised sub-specialty areas in pathology include:

- Anatomical pathology (including Cytopathology and Forensic Medicine)
- Chemical pathology (previously clinical chemistry)
- Haematology
- Immunology
- Microbiology

It is the responsibility of the individual states (or territories) to confer registration to doctors and each state has different regulations and legislations. There are two major categories of registration:

1. Registration without conditions (full registration)
 - a. Graduates from Australian and New Zealand Medical Schools, who have completed a period of intern training
 - b. Overseas Trained Doctors who have passed the AMC exam and have completed supervised training approved by the State or Territory
2. Conditional Registration
 - a. Doctors who are not eligible for full registration. These doctors may be eligible for the following categories: Postgraduate training, Supervised Training, Teaching and Research, AREAS OF NEED, Overseas Trained Specialists

It depends on your specific circumstances but most overseas trained doctors (OTD) will seek conditional registration with the health boards of the state or territory.

Conditional Registration in Pathology

The following qualifications are recognised as equivalent (or substantially equivalent) to the Fellowship of The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia:

1. **United Kingdom** (FRCPath, CCST): Fellowship (or membership) of the Royal College of Pathology usually in conjunction with the Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training.
2. **Canada**: Fellowship in Pathology (general, anatomical, neuro or haematological) of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada. Also certificate in General Pathology of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada.
3. **Republic of Ireland** (FRCPath, CCST): Fellowship (or membership) of the Royal College of Pathology usually in conjunction with the Certificate of Completion of Specialist Training.
4. **South Africa**: Fellowship in Faculty of Pathology of the College of Medicine of South Africa, Master of Medicine (Pathology)
5. **United States of America**: Certificate of the American Board of Pathology

If you hold any of these qualifications you are eligible for conditional registration in the field of pathology in Australia and New Zealand. You may also be eligible for Fellowship of The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia after passing the oral component of the part II examinations.

Western Europe: The qualifications and training programs from each region are assessed individually.

Every candidate is assessed on an individual basis. Please contact Plexus to discuss your individual situation.