

A World of Expertise

Supporting International Medical Graduates in Victoria



An event to showcase a range of recruitment, assessment, upskilling and support programs for international medical graduates in Victoria

Wednesday 5 August 2009, 8.30am – 4.30pm

Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre
Level 1, 28 Clarendon Street
Melbourne 3004

The showcase

The showcase is an opportunity to share information from health services and other organisations about successful approaches to the recruitment, assessment, upskilling and support of international medical graduates, with the aim that others may benefit from the resources produced and lessons learnt.

The showcase is also an opportunity to identify a number of initiatives that could be built into statewide resources, toolkits or templates.

The audience

The primary audience will be health service personnel and medical educators involved or interested in the recruitment, assessment, upskilling and support of international medical graduates. Others with an interest or involvement in this area are also welcome to register.

Registrations may be made online at www.health.vic.gov.au/workforce/showcase

Registration is free and includes morning tea, afternoon tea and lunch.

The location

The Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre is located in the central business district of Melbourne, on the south bank of the Yarra River. The centre is easily accessed by roadways, trams and trains, and is a short stroll along the Southbank Promenade. Parking is available beneath the centre. For further details, please go to www.mcec.com.au/Attend/Visitor-Info/Directions--Transport.html

The showcase will be held on Level One of the Exhibition Centre, accessible by the stairs or lift in the entry foyer off Clarendon Street.

International medical graduates in Victoria

International medical graduates are an important part of Victoria's medical workforce. Around 28 per cent of all registered medical practitioners in Victoria obtained their primary qualification from outside of Australia and more than 10 per cent of Victoria's practising doctors are international medical graduates with specific registration.

In 2007, the Victorian government allocated \$7.82 million over four years to enhance the assessment, upskilling and support of international medical graduates. The funds have been used to:

- Establish the national assessment process in Victoria
- Employ more medical clinical educators (MCEs) in health services
- Run a number of projects within health services and other organisations to improve the assessment, orientation, upskilling and support of international medical graduates.

Further funds have been allocated to support the recruitment of international medical graduates. This includes \$1.5 million announced in the 2009–10 State Budget for a 'one stop shop' service and incentive packages.

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| 8.30 – 8.50 am | Coffee and registration |
| 8.50 am | Introduction and welcome <i>Mr Dean Raven, Principal Policy Advisor, Department of Human Services</i> |
| 9.00 am | Plenary: Supporting international medical graduates Victoria's IMG Assessment, Upskilling and Support (IMGAUS) program <i>Ms Kim Sykes, Director Service & Workforce Planning, Department of Human Services</i> Showcasing IMGAUS TBA |
| 9.30 am | Ministerial address A World of Expertise <i>The Hon Daniel Andrews MP, Minister for Health</i> |
| 9.50 am | Plenary: Starting out in Victoria Reflections from international medical graduates TBA Orientation and cross cultural communications framework <i>Ms Kylie Nicholls, IMG Manager, Postgraduate Medical Council of Victoria</i> Introduction to medical law <i>A/Prof Leanna Darvall, Convenor MIPS/Avant Medical Law Tutorial Program, Monash University</i> Understanding medical ethics TBA |
| 10.45 – 11.15 am | Morning tea |
| 11.15 am | Plenary: Professional development and quality care Upskilling through simulation <i>Dr Robert O'Brien, Director of Medical Education, St. Vincent's Hospital</i> A focus on patient safety <i>Dr Tangerine Holt, Senior Lecturer, Centre for Medical & Health Sciences Education, Monash University</i> Workplace based assessment <i>Ms Mandy Polan, Medical Resource Manager, Goulburn Valley Health</i> Strengthening supervision and feedback <i>Beverley Sutton, Senior Project Manager, Medical Education Unit, Southern Health</i> <i>Prof Barry McGrath, Portfolio Manager, Medical Education & Training, Southern Health</i> |
| 12.30 pm | Plenary: Building on our strengths Improving the assessment, upskilling and support provided for international medical graduates in Victoria <i>Ms Kim Sykes, Director Service & Workforce Planning, Department of Human Services</i> |

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| 1.00 – 2.00 pm | Lunch | | | |
| 2.00 pm | Concurrent sessions (3 x 20 minute presentations per session) | | | |
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| 3.00 – 3.30 pm | Coffee break/session changeover | | | |
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| 4.30 pm | Close | | | |