­­2022 Queensland RMO Campaign Information Session – Q&A

# General questions

**Is a cover letter necessary for RMO position applications?**

Some facilities like to see cover letters; however, it is not mandatory.

**Should referees be Consultants only, or are Registrars allowed to be referees?**

Facilities do prefer Consultants as referees; however, we understand that this may not be possible.

Referee report questions are based on your work experience. Some referees will not be able to respond if they have not directly observed you.

**How many referees can I put in the form?**

Two for the online application.

**How is a ‘gap in practice’ viewed in shortlisting?**

Please refer to this link for more information about a gap in practice: <https://www.ahpra.gov.au/Registration/Registration-Standards/Recency-of-practice.aspx>

**Does the three-year gap take into consideration that AMC stopped exams for almost an entire year because of COVID-19?**

This is an AHPRA decision. Please feel free to contact them about your individual case. This is the link to what AHPRA has written: <https://www.ahpra.gov.au/News/2020-03-24-COVID19-Statement.aspx>

**Is AHPRA mandatory to apply for the campaigns?**

APHRA registration is mandatory before commencement.

**What are some essential skills (clinical and non-clinical) for those applying for an RMO position?**

Strong teamwork and communication skills, computer competency.

**Is the Rural AST Campaign open only for Australian-trained doctors?**

For the rural AST positions, you must be PGY2 or greater at the time of application and hold general registration with the Medical Board of Australia.

**International Doctors**

**Is the RMO Campaign open to overseas-trained doctors who have immigrated to Australia?**

Yes, it is.

**Do overseas doctors need a work visa before applying for an RMO position, or they can apply for it after receiving a job offer?**

No, you don't need a working visa to apply to the RMO Campaign.

**Do International Medical Graduates (IMGs) need to have Australian Permanent Residency status before applying for an RMO position?**

An Australian working visa is enough.

**Do IMGs need to pass English Standard Tests before applying for Junior House Officer (JHO)?**

An English test is an AHPRA registration standard requirement.

**Do IMGs has to pass both AMC MCQ and clinical?**

Having the AMC certificate is preferred.

**Is it necessary to have Australian experience?**

This would depend on the facility. Please contact the facility for further information

**Can overseas doctors with extensive experience in their own country apply for PGY2 positions only, or can they apply for a higher role?**

Overseas doctors can apply for all positions relevant to their skills and experience.