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Mr Ian Frank
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Dear Mr Frank

**Specialist Assessment for Dr Mahmood Falih Mahmood
AMC # 2103792**

The specialist assessment for Dr Mahmood has been finalised by the College of Surgeons in Australia.

Following interview the College determined that Dr Mahmood is substantially comparable to an Australian trained General Surgeon.

Recommendation to achieve Fellowship of the College in the specialty of General Surgery:

To achieve Fellowship of the College, Dr Mahmood would be required to:

- Undertake successful completion of 24 months of oversight in a post which is approved by the College as suitable for assessment.
- To obtain upper endoscopy accreditation as specified by the CCRTGE.
- Maintain a logbook and submit log book data to the College at three-monthly intervals for the duration of the assessment period.
- Submit three-monthly progress reports completed in consultation with each clinical assessor.
- Comply with the College's Maintenance of Professional Standards (MOPS) Program for the duration of the assessment period.
- Obtain feedback using a multi-source feedback (MSF) tool also known as 360° degree evaluation on the IMG's performance from other medical and nursing staff at the hospital where the IMG is based.
- Undertake Direct Observation of Procedural Skills (DOPS) and Mini Clinical Examinations (Mini-CEX) assessments.

Note: Dr Mahmood is not to practice in the area of specialist Paediatric surgery.

On the basis of satisfactory completion of

- the designated period of assessment of professional practice including MOPS,
 - advice of the Chair or IMG Representative of the Board in General Surgery
- the College would support Dr Mahmood's application for specialist registration as a General Surgeon in Australia and Admission to Fellowship by Assessment.

Unsatisfactory Performance

Should the doctor's performance during the period of assessment be unsatisfactory, the College reserves the right to change the original recommendation. This may result in the following:

- Recommendation of an extended period of assessment and/or
- sit the Fellowship Examination in the specialty of General Surgery

Obtaining suitable employment

If Dr Mahmood wishes to comply with the College's recommendation he will be required to obtain a position at Senior Registrar or a supervised Consultant level. This position must be suitable for clinical assessment. The College has prepared a "Position Description Assessment Form" which will need to be completed by the hospital and returned to the Business Support Officer, Department of IMG Assessments via email IMG.enquiries@surgeons.org for approval by the surgical Board before clinical assessment can be commenced. The Position Description Assessment Form is available on the College's website www.surgeons.org

Assessment Validity Period

Dr Mahmood has 2 years from date of recommendation to find a suitable position and 4 years from commencement of clinical assessment to complete all requirements stipulated in the recommendation including Fellowship Examination (if applicable).

Should Dr Mahmood not complete all requirements outlined above within this timeframe, his assessment validity period will expire.

Notification and Acceptance of Recommendation

Dr Mahmood has three months from the date of notification to notify the College via email IMG.enquiries@surgeons.org whether he:

- Accepts the recommendation; or
- Rejects the recommendation.

Please note if we do not receive notification from Dr Mahmood, the College will assume he has accepted the recommendation.

Commencement of Clinical Assessment

Dr Mahmood's clinical assessment will commence upon notification and acceptance of recommendation, and upon confirmation of commencement date.

Further information relating to the specialist assessment and/or clinical assessment process can be obtained from the

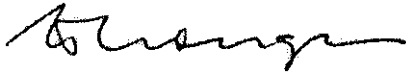
- Specialist Assessment of International Medical Graduates policy
- Clinical Assessment of International Medical Graduates policy
- Clinical Assessors of International Medical Graduates policy

available on the College's website.

The applicant's formal qualifications will be verified through the Australian Medical Council's EICS Verification process.

The College's determinations are based on the documentary evidence provided with the application and the semi-structured face-to-face interview.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. O'Loughlin', written in a cursive style.

Mr Barry O'Loughlin
Deputy Chair
Surgical Education Training

cc ▪ Mr Adrian Anthony, IMG Representative, Board in General Surgery
 ▪ Dr M F Mahmood