RCGP International

Frequently Asked Questions

Q.: Can I practice as a GP in the UK?
A.: To be allowed to practice as a GP in the UK, you must first get certified and registered with the General Medical Council as qualified to practice. If you have gained a formal GP qualification from outside the UK and EEA, or you have completed GP training outside the UK and EEA, you will need to apply to the GMC under Article 11 for a CEGPR, providing you meet the criteria as displayed on their website below. On completion of your application you will be automatically registered with the General Medical Council and eligible to practice in the UK.

http://www.gmc-uk.org/doctors/before_you_apply/imgs.asp

Q.: If I am a registered International Member (MRCGP[INT]), does this automatically make me eligible to come to the UK to work as a GP?
A.: No. MRCGP[INT] is designed to accredit locally available assessments outside the UK, it does not give you the right to work in the UK as a GP. You would still have to apply to the GMC for registration, but MRCGP[INT] would help to have your application approved.

Q.: How can I become a Member of the RCGP?
A.: If you are based outside the UK, the only way to join the RCGP is to take an MRCGP[INT] accredited examination. Once you have passed it you can apply for our International Membership.


Q.: Can I come and take the MRCGP exam in the UK?
A.: No, this examination is only available for UK-based GPs and trainees.

Q.: Can I register to take an MRCGP[INT] examination elsewhere if it is not available in my country?
A.: You should check with the MRCGP[INT] programme director of an accredited examination which is closest to your country of residence. Each accredited exam has
different eligibility requirements, and doctors from outside its catchment area (i.e. from another country) may not be eligible to apply. We do not currently have accredited examinations in sub-Saharan Africa.

**Q.: How can an examination become accredited to the MRCGP[INT] standard?**
**A.:** This is a long process of curriculum development and quality assurance that requires long term financial and political commitment from the government of the country which would need to fund all developmental work by a joint working group of local examiners and trainers with RCGP advice.

**Q.: Can the RCGP assist with the development of Family Medicine in our country?**
**A.:** Yes, our expertise lies in Family Medicine education, so we would be happy to assist with training and assessment development and offer customised support and tailored programmes for family doctors in your country.

**Q.: Can the RCGP organise training for me in the UK?**
**A.:** We can organise short orientation, observation and training visits to the RCGP in the UK for groups of doctors. Please visit our website below and send us a Visit Request Form. [http://www.rcgp.org.uk/rcgp-near-you/rcgp-international/international-advisory.aspx](http://www.rcgp.org.uk/rcgp-near-you/rcgp-international/international-advisory.aspx)

However, if you wish to enrol in structured training in family medicine / general practice in the UK, you would need to make your own arrangements.

**Q.: Does the RCGP have any bursaries or scholarships I can apply for?**
**A.:** Yes, we have the International Travel Scholarship which is available to any family doctor in the world. It is awarded twice a year, and you would need to send us your application. Further information and downloadable forms are available on our website: [http://www.rcgp.org.uk/rcgp-near-you/rcgp-international/international-travel-scholarship.aspx](http://www.rcgp.org.uk/rcgp-near-you/rcgp-international/international-travel-scholarship.aspx)

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