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        - **Yes**
          - [Apply to join the three year GP training programme](#)
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          - [Do you hold a GP qualification from Australia, South Africa, or Canada?](#)
            - **Yes**
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            - **No**
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                - **Yes**
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**Step 3**

**Induction and Refresher scheme**

**Step 4**

**Inclusion on National Performers List and ready for independent practice**

**If you are unsuccessful in your CEGPR application, you may apply for a review or you may wish to apply to join the GP training programme**