

Annual NZATS Executive Meeting, November 2009

Overseas Registrar Report

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		Applications and Registrations
1.	Application Packs Sent Out	<p>In the past year 69 full and 7 provisional application packs have been sent out either directly to applicants or through agencies (105 last year). There are currently 3 agencies working with applicants.</p> <p>Applicants are primarily from the UK although other interest has been expressed from: Iran, India, Cayman Islands, Australia, Philippines</p>
2.	Completed Applications	<p>37 applications have been presented to the registration committee. 2 were denied due to not meeting registration requirements; one withdrew from the process before consideration from the registration board. One applicant is still being presented to the board for eligibility to apply for registration.</p> <p>Of the 34 approved registrations, 3 are provisional registrations with less than 2 years post training.</p>
3.	Registration committee	4 applications are currently with the registration committee being reviewed.
4.	Provisional Registration Applications	<p>6 provisional applicants applied, all had positions secured in training hospitals throughout New Zealand.</p> <p>The provisional registration pack has just been updated and will be used after tabling at the Executive meeting.</p>
5.	Successful PAPO	2 applicants have gained provisional registration and successfully completed the Exit Exam to gain full registration within the last year.
6.	Current Active Applications	<p>There are currently 24 active files at various stages of completion. The committee have been proactive in getting the files reviewed and registration agreed.</p> <p>Questions regarding applicants are sent to the Board for direction. Most are self explanatory with long absences from work or remote locations. There have been 3 applications from Australia.</p>
7.	Application for Review by Executive	Ratko Cicovic- requests ability to apply for an application pack. He has a long history of working as an anaesthetic assistant but the qualifications have not been assessed by NZQA. There is concern that English language is a problem with Ratko not meeting the minimum requirements.

		Review of Application Documents
8.	Application Packs	<p>The application information pack is being reviewed with changes to the provisional registration information regarding requirements to sit both the multi-choice and OSCE sections of the Exit Exam. Clarification will hopefully lead to less confusion and resistance from provisional registrants questioning the examination requirement.</p> <p>The English language requirement which was included last year has been well adhered to by applicants with little trouble. It has also been advantageous when approached by interested parties where literacy may be an issue early.</p>
		Process Report
9.	Form Completion	<p>There is still inconsistency with the form completion but on the whole, this has improved.</p> <p>A rolling postal dispute in the UK seems to be seriously hampering the arrival of mail.</p> <p>HPC forms are not arriving in a timely manner and in the last 2 months are being re-requested.</p>
10.	Alert List	This is still being sent to the Agencies so they can check it against clients.
11.	Immigration Requirements	There seems to be a more seamless process with AT's gaining work visas in the past 6 months. Julie Bromley has worked with Immigration to assist with this process.
		Problems Encountered
12.	Mail Delivery	There continues to be a problem with mail not arriving and having to be resent.
		The Wellington secretary is sending the mail via the secretary, then to Auckland which can take some weeks.
13.	Fee Payment	This is proving to be problematic still. The automatic payments are attracting a fee at both ends of the payments. This means when the fee is paid at the UK end with NZ\$300.00 being sent, a \$25.00 fee is being deducted at this end as well. Candidates are being asked to pay the outstanding amount with the registration fee. The practice is 6 only been instigated by Westpac in the past 6 months.
14.	Verification Forms	Delays in arriving although the HPC send directly to OSR and seem to be approachable and are sending again when asked.