

Dear

### FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES

I write in response to your request for information in relation to international medical graduates.

Question:

1. Does the board offer clinical attachments for international medical graduates?
2. How long do these attachments last?
3. Does the board charge international medical graduates to undertake a clinical attachment? If so, how much?
4. What does this fee pay for/cover?
5. Are international medical graduates paid while undertaking clinic attachments?
6. Please share an example application form for the clinical attachments you offer.

Answer:

1.	Yes
2.	Variable - 1-4 weeks in general
3.	No
4.	Not Applicable
5.	No
6.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Medical Graduates are sometimes simply recruited having applied for a post via Medical and Dental Recruitment.</li> <li>• Our MTI doctors are usually International Medical Graduates</li> <li>• Our Observers from overseas are usually International Medical Graduates but are not given clinical attachments, only Observerships. They apply via Directorates using the form Recruitment have provided.</li> </ul>

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the

Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at [www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal](http://www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal). If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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