

Registering with
*The Irish Medical
Council*



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Overview

All doctors practicing medicine in Ireland must be registered with the Irish Medical Council (IMC). Outside of training pathways, there are two types of registration. These are:

General registration allows doctors to practise independently without supervision, but cannot represent themselves as being a specialist.

Specialist registration allows doctors to practice independently, without supervision and may represent themselves as specialists.

Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible to register for the Irish Medical Council, you must have:

- Completion of a medical degree from a recognised institution
- Satisfactory completion of an internship program
- Possession of relevant professional experience
- Evidence of good standing with another regulatory body where you have practiced.

For more details on your eligibility and to check your own eligibility, visit [here](#).

The Application Process

Once you have secured a role with Athona, it's time to begin the process of applying for your IMC registration:



1. Create an online account with the IMC



2.



Check eligibility and submit your online application form*



3.

Once all necessary documents are submitted, the IMC will issue you with a reference number via



4.



The IMC will then assess and verify your application and documentation



5.



A decision will then be made and your registration with the IMC will be confirmed

*Please note some documentation that is submitted will need to be notarised.

^On occasion, it may be necessary for you to sit the Pre Registration Examination Step.

Documentation

During your application process, you will need to provide the Irish Medical Council with the following documents:

- Proof of identity (Passport)
- Copy of your Basic Medical Qualification (Medical Degree)
- Proof of completion of internship program
- Evidence of professional experience.

The full checklist provided by the IMC can be found [here](#).



Notarising

Documents submitted to the IMC should be notarised or attested by one of the following:

- A Notary Public (a specialist lawyer)
- Commissioner of Oath
- Justice for the Peace
- Solicitor practicing in Ireland or the UK
- Member of An Garda Síochána.

Please note: Notarisation is an identity-based, anti-fraud measure to verify documents and ensure authenticity.

Average wait time

Currently this is the average time it is taking to process an application according to the IMC.

Please note these wait times may vary.

- General - EU Qualified Applications - **15 - 21 weeks**
- General - UK Qualified Applications - **15 - 21 weeks**
- Specialist - EU Qualified Applications - **15 - 21 weeks**
- Specialist - UK Qualified Applications - **15 - 21 weeks**
- Specialist - Non-EU Qualified Applications - **14 - 18 weeks**

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