

International Postgraduate Deanery (IPD)

International Medical
Graduates (IMG)





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Welcome

It gives me great pleasure to introduce the College's International Postgraduate Deanery (IPD) Programme.

What is IPD?

The primary function of the International Postgraduate Deanery (IPD) is to facilitate training opportunities for surgeons in the ten surgical specialities. We are looking to support higher level surgical trainees to undertake temporary training placements in the UK; to quality assure their training; to offer mentorship and support; and of course, to evidence training achievements.

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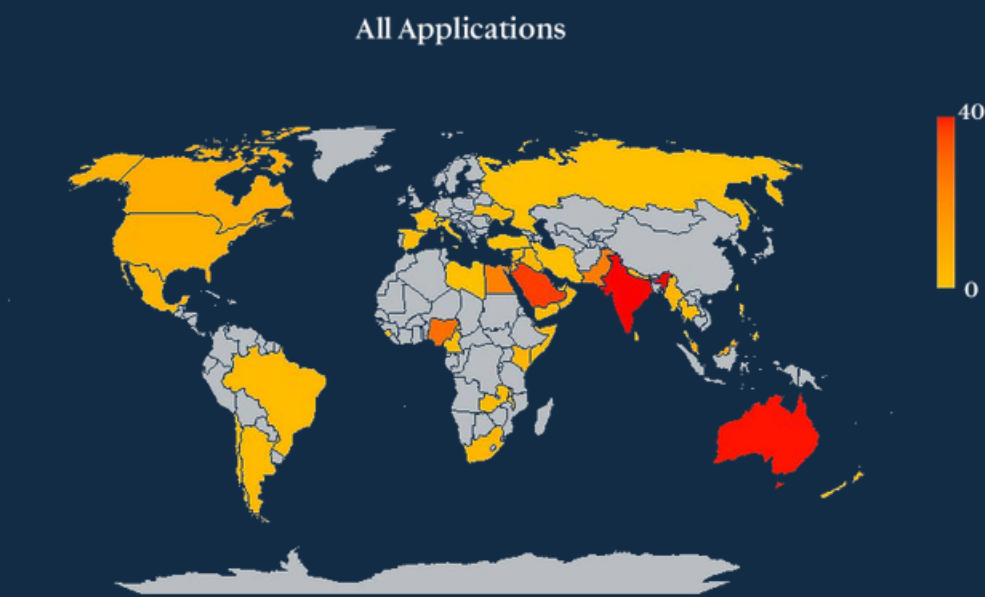
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International Postgraduate Dean

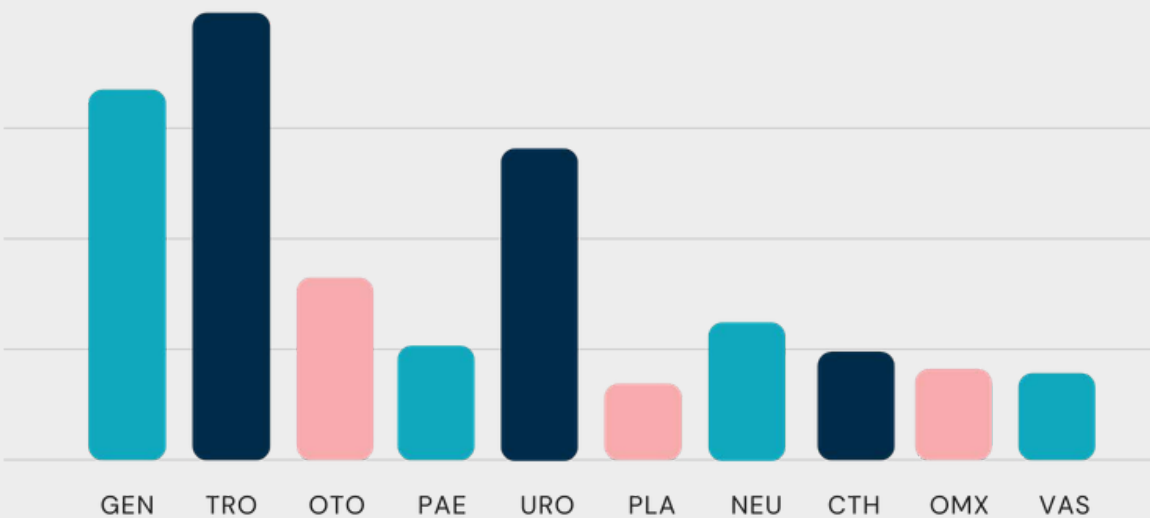
Facts and Figures

- We have been providing UK training to IMGs for over 30 years
- More than 1500 IMGs trained
- 855 trainees have started their training with the IPD since 2019
- Between 100 and 140 trainees start in post each year across all surgical specialties

IPD Applications by Country Heat Map



TRAINEE STARTS BY SPECIALTY



- Vast majority of trainees specialise in General Surgery and Trauma and Orthopaedics
- A significant number of posts are also in Urology

Who is it for?

The IPD is open to all IMG's who want to hone their skills under the supervision of NHS educational supervisors for 12-24 months, before returning to their country of residence where they can put their training into practice.

The IPD aims to develop the skills of individual doctors, improve global surgical practice, and increase the training reputation of NHS Employing Unit (NHS EU) internationally.

We aid higher surgical trainees to undertake temporary training placements in the UK:

- to support with GMC registration
- to provide an Induction
- to quality assure their training
- to offer mentorship and support
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IPD Pathways

International Doctors can join IPD via three routes:

1. Doctors who have secured a post

This is the most popular route, doctors will be supported to secure GMC registration and full quality assurance of UK training provided.

2. Doctors seeking a post

Doctors who have yet to secure a UK post can apply for an Intention to Sponsor Letter. Provisional eligibility checks are undertaken and a letter enables doctors to apply for NHS posts which require GMC registration.

3. Doctors seeking training support

This route is open to doctors who have reached the UK via a third party, are in an NHS training post and would like to have their training accredited.



Minimum Requirements of the Trainee

- Be an IMG who has qualified outside the UK
- Not be a resident in the UK at the time of the application
- Not be in receipt of any provisions relating to UK nationally
- Have obtained a primary medical qualification acceptable to the GMC in which the programme of study comprised of at least 5,500 hours over a minimum of three years (this can be checked on the GMC website)
- Have obtained an acceptable postgraduate qualification
- Your post graduate training and skills are required to be comparable to that of a UK trainee of similar experience who has taken the UK MRCS (which includes a basic science exam and a final practical clinical exam).

English Language Proficiency

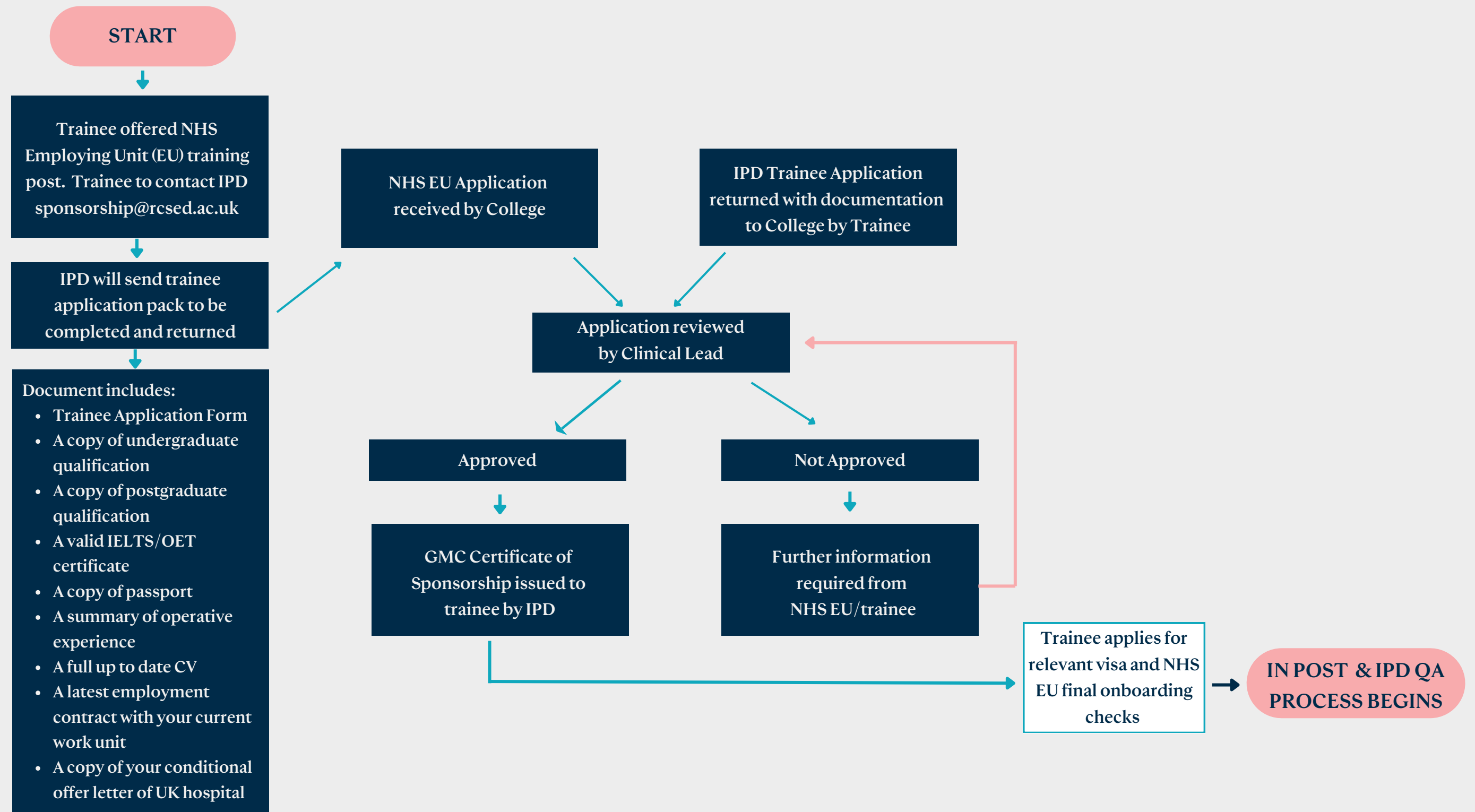
- Doctors may demonstrate their English language proficiency by providing evidence of the following (if required).
- Not be a resident in the UK at the time of the application
- Have achieved a pass in the UKVI Academic Modules of the International English Language Testing System (IELTS): An overall score of 7.5 with a minimum score of 7.0 in all four modules within the last two years; or

- Hold a valid Occupational English Test (OET) certificate. Trainees must have taken the “Medicine” version of the test, obtaining at least a ‘B’ grade in each of the testing areas (speaking, listening, reading, and writing) in the same test within the last two years.
- Doctors who have a passport and Primary Medical Qualification from a country where English is the first and native language. Applicants must provide a copy of their passport upon application to show they meet these criteria.

Clinical Experience

- Have an acceptable internship of no less than 12 months
- Have completed at least one year of specialty practice at the point of application
- Have been in clinical surgical practice for 3 of the last 5 years, including the most recent 12 months immediately prior to seeking registration with the GMC. Applicants cannot have been absent from clinical practice for more than two months in any 12-month period. Observerships and clinical attachments are not considered to be clinical practice; and
- Be able to provide the GMC with a Certificate of Good Standing (CGS) from the regulatory body in the country/countries where they have practiced in the 5 years prior to application, or since qualifying as a doctor, if less than 5 years qualified.

Processes



Quality Assurance

As an International Medical Graduate (IMG) undertaking training with the International Postgraduate Deanery (IPD), you are required to complete a small number of tasks to support the quality assurance of your training and enable us to maintain accurate records. Once you have successfully completed your training and all required activities, you will be awarded an IPD Completion Certificate and Diploma and will be entitled to use the postnominals MIPDed.

Induction

The International Postgraduate Deanery (IPD) team is based in Birmingham and Edinburgh and is here to support you as you begin your NHS journey.

Twice a year, the team delivers a two-day induction designed specifically for international medical graduates from around the world who are joining the NHS to work, train and develop their surgical skills and competencies. The programme is designed to help you settle into your new role, make the most of your time in the NHS, and build the non-technical skills and knowledge you need to hit the ground running.

Behind the scenes, the IPD team works closely with experienced clinicians and expert speakers to deliver an engaging and practical programme. From your first day, you'll have the opportunity to learn from others, ask questions, connect with fellow IMGs, and gain the confidence to thrive in your training and your new working environment.

In this [video](#), an IPD Alumni shares his experience of attending the IPD Induction. Some members of the IPD team also share some insights into their roles in this [video](#).



Testimonials

"I hope this email finds you well. I just wanted to let you know that I completed my fellowship post in the UK. I would not have been able to do this without all your support last year, with all the problems I was facing with the registration system. Just wanted to thank you once again for your amazing work."

"I cannot thank you enough for all your timely help and the kindness with which you helped."

"I do appreciate all your efforts to make this possible. It was very helpful and professional."

"Thank you all for your support! This process has been the easiest aspect so far because of your quick communication and clear explanations. Before my contact with you I was struggling for 2 months trying to move through the licensing process. I will be sure to recommend this route!"

"I am so pleased to inform you that today I got my GMC registration. All this was because of your kind support and guidance."

"Thank you so much for your kind, continuous and instant help since our first communication."

Contact Us

For further information about the International Postgraduate Deanery, please contact sponsorship@rcsed.ac.uk

Or visit the IPD website [here](#).