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Dear Philip

**Proposed changes to fees for assessment of documents and interview of international medical graduates applying for provisional vocational registration**

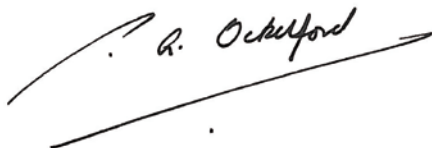
Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this proposal.

At first glance the increase in the fees seems very steep. We do however, appreciate that this will be the first increase to these fees in seven years. We also understand that these cost increases have been sought by the certifying Colleges which have previously been subsidising the real assessment costs.

Our position is that we will support the fee adjustment provided there is evidence that the proposed new rates are justified in terms of the time taken.

We also recommend that the fees are regularly reviewed so that such a significant increase does not need to happen again.

Yours faithfully



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