

Postgraduate Medical Education Training Board

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The Postgraduate Medical Education and Training Board (PMETB) was established by the General and Specialist Medical Practice (Education Training and Qualifications) Order approved by parliament in April 2003. It was formed to act independently of government as a professional UK competent authority to supervise postgraduate medical education and training. It is expected to carry out the following functions: -

- establish standards of, and requirements relating to, postgraduate medical education and training.
- secure the maintenance of the standards and requirements established;

And

- develop, improve and promote postgraduate medical education and training in the United Kingdom

When it takes up its full statutory responsibilities PMETB will replace the Specialist Training Authority (STA) and the Joint Committee on Postgraduate Training for General Practice (JCPTGP).

Articles 11 and 14 of the Order establishing PMETB, also give the Board responsibility to assess the post graduate training of doctors with both part and full training undertaken elsewhere and who do not satisfy EEA requirements for mutual recognition of qualifications. The order allows any combination of qualifications, training and experience gained anywhere in the world to be evaluated as part of an application for entry to the GMC Specialist Register. The Board will be able to permit these doctors access

to the Specialist or General Practitioners Register (the GPs Register is a new register established by the PMETB Order and to be set up by the GMC in the next few years) if their training, qualifications or experience meet UK standards or, if not, to require them to undertake additional training and assessment either in the UK or elsewhere.

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Further information: -

BMJ career focus 2004; 328:103-5

BMJ career focus 2004; 328: 223-224

Useful Links: -

www.publications.doh.gov.uk/medicaltrainingintheuk/msebconsultation/index.htm

www.doh.gov.uk/policyandguidance/humanresourcesandtraining/modernisingprofessionalregulation/Postgraduatemedicaltrainingboard

<http://www.bma.org.uk/ap.nsf/content/pmetb+faqs>