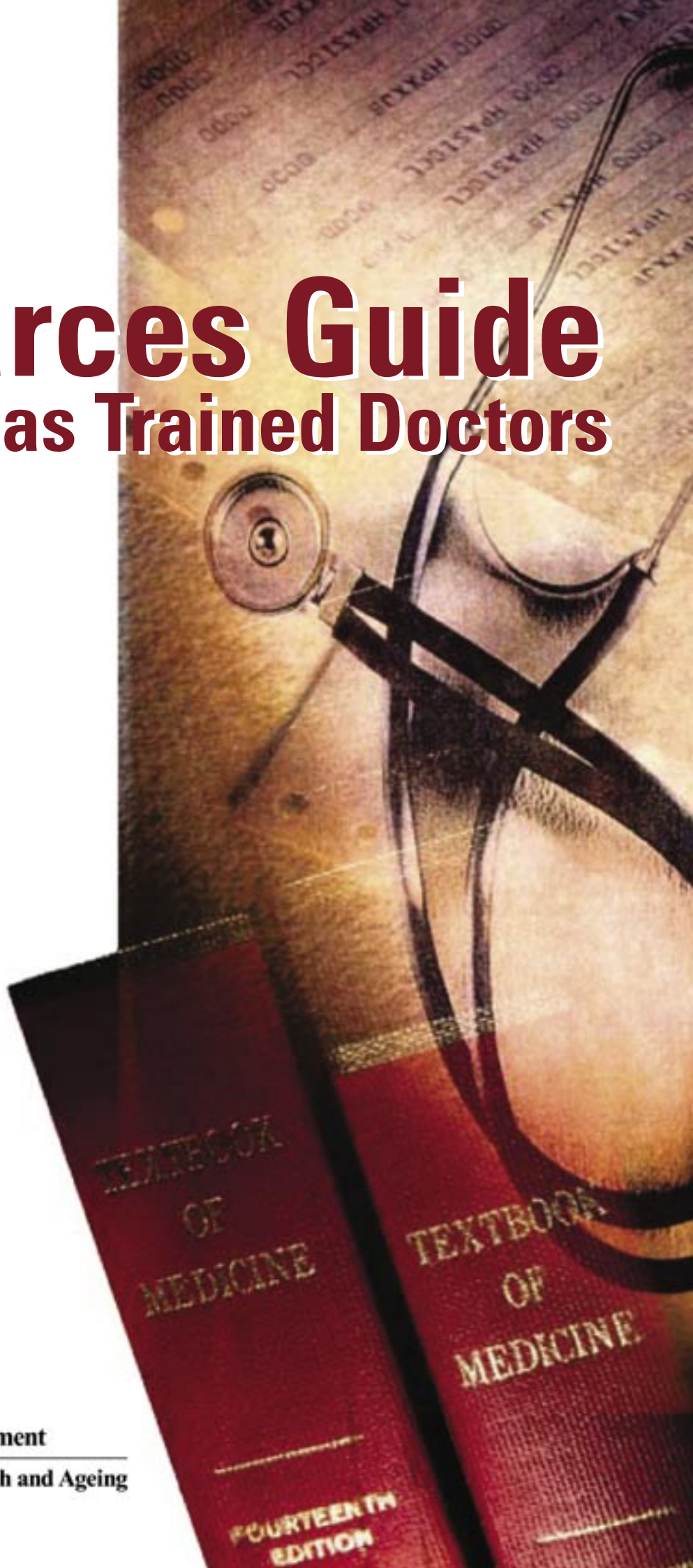




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This guide lists some of the information and resources that may be of assistance to the Permanent Resident Overseas Trained Doctors who participated in the project "Identification, Assessment and Counselling Permanent Resident Overseas Trained Doctors Not Currently in the Australian Medical Workforce" from July 2005 to October 2005. The information has been extracted from many independent sources and therefore accuracy is not guaranteed.

1. GOVERNMENT HEALTH DEPARTMENTS

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND AGEING

As a department of the Australian (federal) Government, Health and Ageing has many diverse areas of responsibility. Its mission statement is 'To lead the development of Australia's Health and Ageing system.'

It has a comprehensive website which contains information on the Department's policies, programs and services and includes an area specifically for health professionals.

Address: GPO Box 9848, Canberra ACT 2601

Telephone: 02 6289 1555 (Switchboard)
1800 020 103 (Freecall)
02 6122 2747 (After Hours)

Facsimile: 02 6281 6946

Internet: <http://www.health.gov.au/>

DOCTOR CONNECT

This is an initiative of the Department of Health and Ageing and is the official website from which comprehensive information is provided for overseas trained doctors wishing to work in Australia.

Internet: <http://www.doctorconnect.com.au/>

Australian Capital Territory (Canberra)

– Australian Capital Territory Health

Address: Level 2, North Building, London Circuit
Canberra City ACT 2601

Postal Address: GPO Box 825, Canberra City ACT 2601

Telephone: 02 6207 5111 or 13 22 81

Facsimile: 02 6207 5775

Internet: <http://www.health.act.gov.au/c/health>

New South Wales – NSW Health

Address: 73 Miller Street, North Sydney NSW 2060

Postal Address: Locked Mail Bag 961, North Sydney NSW 2059

Telephone: 02 9391 9000

Facsimile: 02 9391 9101

Internet: <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/>
<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/othp/pathways.html>
(*registration of overseas doctors and dentists*)

Northern Territory – Northern Territory Health Services

Address: 87 Mitchell Street, Darwin NT 0800

Postal Address: PO Box 40596, Casuarina NT 0811

Telephone: 08 8999 2400

Facsimile: 08 8999 2700

Internet: <http://www.nt.gov.au/health/>

Queensland – Queensland Health

Address: Queensland Health Building
147 – 163 Charlotte Street, Brisbane QLD 4000

Postal Address: GPO Box 48, Brisbane QLD 4001

Telephone: 07 3234 0111

Internet: <http://www.health.qld.gov.au>

Queensland Health has a program dedicated to the recruitment of overseas trained doctors, as well as an Area of Need Program. Please refer to the following websites:

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/medical/osdocsinfo.asp>

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/medical/areaofneed.asp>

South Australia – Department of Health

Address: CitiCentre Building, 11 Hindmarsh Square
Adelaide SA 5000

Postal Address: PO Box 287, Rundle Mall Adelaide SA 5001

Telephone: 08 8226 6000

Facsimile: 08 8226 6899

Internet: <http://www.health.sa.gov.au>
[http://www.vacancies.sa.gov.au/asp/public/](http://www.vacancies.sa.gov.au/asp/public/Home.aspx)
Home.aspx

Tasmania – Health and Human Services

Address: 34 Davey Street, Hobart TAS 7000

Postal Address: PO Box 125, Hobart TAS 7001

Telephone: 1300 135 513

Internet: <http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au>

Victoria – Department of Human Services

Address: 555 Collins Street, Melbourne VIC 3000

Postal Address: GPO Box 4057, Melbourne VIC 3001

Telephone: 03 9626 7777

Internet: <http://www.dhs.vic.gov.au>
<http://www.health.vic.gov.au>
(*Government Health Information*)

Western Australia – Department of Health

Address: 189 Royal Street, East Perth WA 6004

Postal Address: PO Box 8172, Perth Business Centre
Perth WA 6849

Telephone: 08 9222 4222

Facsimile: 08 9222 4046

Internet: <http://www.health.wa.gov.au>

2. Australian Medical Council (AMC)

The independent national standards body for medical education and training. They also act as the examining authority for overseas trained doctors seeking to practice medicine in Australia. As such they conduct both the Multiple Choice Question Examination (MCQ) and the Clinical Examination. Their website also provides email addresses and links to various Bridging Course providers.

Postal Address: PO Box 4810, Kingston ACT 2604
Telephone: 02 6270 9777
Facsimile: 02 6270 9799
Internet: <http://www.amc.org.au>

3. Specialist Medical Colleges

The independent national standards body for medical education and training. They also act as the examining authority for overseas trained doctors seeking to practice medicine in Australia. As such they conduct both the Multiple Choice Question Examination (MCQ) and the Clinical Examination. Their website also provides email addresses and links to various Bridging Course providers.

The following Colleges are listed in alphabetical order according to specialty:

Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists

College Headquarters (or contact the office in your state)

Address: ANZCA House,
630 St Kilda Road
Melbourne VIC 3004
Telephone: 03 9510 6299
Facsimile: 03 9510 6786
Internet: <http://www.anzca.edu.au>

Australasian College of Dermatologists

Address: PO Box 2065,
Boronia Park NSW 2111
Telephone: 02 9879 6177
Facsimile: 02 9816 1174
Internet: <http://www.dermcoll.asn.au>

Australasian College for Emergency Medicine

Address: 34 Jeffcott Street,
West Melbourne VIC 3003
Telephone: 03 9320 0444
Facsimile: 03 9320 0400
Internet: <http://www.acem.org.au>

Royal Australian College of General Practitioners

National Office (or contact the Faculty in your state)

Address: 1 Palmerston Crescent, Melbourne VIC 3205
Telephone: 03 8699 0414 or 1800 331 626
Facsimile: 03 8699 0400
Internet: <http://www.racgp.org.au>

Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians & Gynaecologists

National Office (or contact the College in your state)

Address: College House, 254 – 260 Albert Street
East Melbourne VIC 3002
Telephone: 03 9417 1699
Facsimile: 03 9419 0672
Internet: <http://www.ranzcog.edu.au>

Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists

Address: 94 – 98 Chalmers Street, Surry Hills NSW 2010
Telephone: 02 9690 1001
Facsimile: 02 9690 1321
Internet: <http://www.ranzco.edu>

Royal Australasian College of Physicians

Address: 145 Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000
Telephone: 02 9256 5444
Facsimile: 02 9252 3310
Internet: <http://www.racp.edu.au>

Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists

Address: 309 La Trobe Street, Melbourne VIC 3000
Telephone: 03 9640 0646
Facsimile: 03 9642 5652
Internet: <http://www.ranzcp.or>

Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists

Address: Level 9, 51 Druiitt Street, Sydney NSW 2000
Telephone: 02 9268 9777
Facsimile: 02 9268 9799
Internet: <http://www.ranzcr.edu.au>

Royal Australasian College of Surgeons

Address: College of Surgeons' Gardens
Spring Street, Melbourne VIC 3000
Telephone: 03 9249 1200
Facsimile: 03 9249 1219
Internet: <http://www.surgeons.org>

4. Medical Registration Boards

Each state and territory in Australia maintains a Medical Registration Board which has the statutory responsibility to protect the health and safety of the people of that particular state or territory. This is done via a range of mechanisms and programs including Registration, Professional Conduct, Doctors' Health and Professional Performance. Additionally they have established a Code of Conduct for the medical profession and provide advice to the federal Minister for Health.

From time to time some of the Boards may offer seminars and/or events which are specifically aimed at overseas trained doctors. It is recommended that you contact the appropriate office for further information.

Australian Capital Territory (Canberra)

Address: 197 London Circuit, Level 6, Eclipse House
Civic ACT 2608

Postal Address: PO Box 976, Civic Square ACT 2608

Telephone: 6205 1600

Facsimile: 6205 1602

Internet: <http://www.medicalboard.act.gov.au>

Email: medicalboard@medicalboard.act.gov.au

New South Wales

Address: Gladesville Hospital
Off Punt Road, Gladesville NSW 2111

Postal Address: PO Box 104
Gladesville NSW 1675

Telephone: 02 9879 2200 (General Enquiries)
02 9879 2295 (Registration Enquiries)

Facsimile: 02 9816 5307 (General)
02 9879 2229 (Registration)

Internet: <http://www.medeserv.com.au/nswmb>

Email: nswmb@nswmb.org.au

Northern Territory

Address: Harbour View Plaza, Level 2
Cnr McMinn and Bennett Streets
Darwin NT 8000

Postal Address: GPO Box 4221
Darwin NT 0801

Telephone: 08 8999 4157

Internet: <http://www.nt.gov.au/health/contact/contactp.shtml>

Email: healthprofessions.ths@nt.gov.au

Queensland

Address: Level 19, Forestry House
160 Mary Street, Brisbane QLD 4000

Telephone: 07 3234 0176

Facsimile: 07 3225 2522

Internet: <http://www.medicalboard.qld.gov.au>

South Australia

Address: 91 Payneham Road, St Peters SA 5069

Postal Address: PO Box 359, Stepney SA 5069

Telephone: 08 8132 6444

Facsimile: 08 8362 7906

Internet: <http://www.medicalboardsa.asn.au>

Email: admin@medicalboardsa.asn.au

Tasmania

Address: 306 Murray Street, Hobart TAS 7000

Postal Address: PO Box 8, South Hobart TAS 7004

Telephone: 03 6233 5499

Facsimile: 03 6233 7986

Internet: <http://www.medicalcounciltas.com.au>

Email: mct@medicalcounciltas.com.au

Victoria

Address: Level 16, 150 Lonsdale Street
Melbourne VIC 3000

Postal Address: GPO Box 773H
Melbourne VIC 3001

Telephone: 03 9655 0500

Facsimile: 03 9655 0580

Internet: <http://www.medicalboardvic.org.au>

Email: feedback@medicalboard.vic.org.au

Western Australia

Address: 8th Floor, London House
216 St Georges Terrace, Perth WA 6000

Postal Address: GPO Box 2754
Perth WA 6001

Telephone: 08 9481 1011

Facsimile: 08 9321 1744

Internet: <http://www.wa.medicalboard.com.au>

Email: info@wa.medicalboard.com.au

5. Post Graduate Medical Councils

The purpose of these councils is to assist with the education, training and workforce distribution of junior doctors. Additionally they participate in the development of related policy. Additionally, some of the Councils provide programs for overseas trained doctors. Please contact the Council closest to you to obtain further information.

Australian Capital Territory (Canberra) and New South Wales

Address: PO Box 422, Gladesville NSW 1675
Telephone: 02 9844 6560
Facsimile: 02 9844 6561
Internet: <http://www.pmcnsw.org.au>
Email: pmc@doh.health.nsw.gov.au

Northern Territory

Address: Royal Darwin Hospital
PO Box 41326, Casuarina NT 0811
Internet: <http://www.ntpmc.org.au>

Queensland

Address: Building 26, The Prince Charles Hospital
Rode Road, Chermside QLD 4032
Telephone: 07 3350 5624
Facsimile: 07 3350 6396
Internet: <http://www.pmeqg.com.au>

South Australia

Address: 71 Edward Street, Norwood SA 5067
Telephone: 08 8331 8733
Facsimile: 08 8331 7633
Internet: <http://www.ceptsa.org.au>

Tasmania

Address: Royal Hobart Hospital, Clinical School,
Room 4.12
Private Bag 99
Hobart TAS 7001
Telephone: 03 6226 4741
Facsimile: 03 6226 4747
Internet: <http://www.fcms.its.utas.edu.au/healthsci/healthsci/>

Victoria

Address: Level 9, Mary Aikenhead Centre
27 Victoria Parade
Fitzroy VIC 3065
Postal Address: PO Box 2900
St Vincent's Hospital
41 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy VIC 3065
Telephone: 03 9419 1217
Facsimile: 03 9419 1261
Internet: <http://www.pmcv.com.au>

Western Australia

Address: Level 3, C Block
189 Royal Street
East Perth WA 6004
Postal Address: PO Box 8172
Perth Business Centre WA 6849
Telephone: 08 9222 2175
Facsimile: 08 9222 4014
Internet: <http://www.pmcwa.health.wa.gov.au>

6. Australian Medical Association (AMA)

The AMA is an independent, member based organization representing doctors in all areas and specialties. It acts as an advocacy organization to advance the professional interest of doctors.

They have a national structure together with branches in each state and territory.

National Office – (or contact the office in your state)

Address: 4th Floor, 42 Macquarie Street, Barton ACT 2600
Postal Address: PO Box 6090, Kingston ACT 2604
Telephone: 02 6270 5400
Facsimile: 02 6270 5499
Internet: <http://www.ama.com.au>
Email: ama@ama.com.au

The National Office also has a section of their website dedicated to overseas trained doctors:

<http://www.ama.com.au/webnsf/topic/resources-overseas-trained-doctors-information>

7. Overseas Trained Doctor Organisations

AUSTRALIAN DOCTOR'S TRAINED OVERSEAS ASSOCIATION (ADTOA)

This a non profit, national organization representing overseas trained doctors who are permanent residents or citizens of Australia. Their website provides a range of information and links to areas such as AMSN (Area Medical Service Needs) vacancy lists and the RDN (Rural Doctor Network).

Address: 141/125 Oxford Street
Bondi Junction NSW 2022

Telephone: 0425 705 370 (Andrew Schwartz – President)

Internet: <http://www.adtoa.org>

Email: adtoa@adtoa.org

ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND

This is a non political, professional organization that has an educational focus. Their aim is to build cooperation and collaboration to support International Medical Graduates.

Contact: Gabrielle duPreez-Wilkinson

Telephone: 0408 980 825

Internet: <http://www.aimganz>

Email: gedpw@ozemail.com.au

8. Divisions of General Practice

ABOUT ADGP

The Australian Divisions of General Practice (ADGP) is the peak national body of the Divisions of general practice, comprising all 118 Divisions across Australia, as well as the eight state based bodies (SBOs). Approximately 95 percent of GPs are members of a local division of general practice.

Divisions are an important part of the Australian Government's general practice strategy. They help implement policy, support general practice and manage health programs at a local level. Through divisions, ADGP provides an important local health infrastructure that enables primary care services to be planned and delivered at the local and regional level.

The Divisions Network works to support high quality, evidence based primary health care and to integrate health services. The Network engages the local community and enhances communication between the Australian Government and general practice. Divisions work closely with other primary health care providers including allied health professionals and practice nurses. As a result, ADGP has contact with the majority of GPs and a substantial proportion of the primary health care workforce in Australia.

Through ADGP, GPs sit on key health sector decision-making and advisory bodies – having direct input into policy and programs across areas such as general practice financing, GP workforce and training, clinical practice and practice management.

Address: Ground Floor, Minter Ellison Building
25 National Circuit
Forrest ACT 2603

Postal Address: PO Box 4308
Manuka ACT 2603

Telephone: 02 6228 0800

Facsimile: 02 6228 0899

Internet: <http://www.adgp.com.au>

Email: adgpreception@adgp.com.au

LOCAL DIVISIONS OF GENERAL PRACTICE

Each state and territory has between 1 to 36 local divisions of general practice and often play a role in supporting and orienting newly placed international medical graduates (IMGs). The ADGP website contains a "Divisions Directory" where information about each Division is listed:

<http://www.adgp.com.au/site/index.cfm?display+301>

You can use this information to establish contact with your local Division.

9. Rural Interest

There is a wealth of information and support available to doctors wishing to work in rural areas. Listed below for your assistance is some, but no means all, of those organizations.

ABORIGINAL AND INDIGENOUS HEALTH

Please refer Other Health Related Organizations – Section 10.

AREA OF MEDICAL SERVICE NEED

Some rural areas are considered to be an 'Area of Medical Service Need' and as such may attract special consideration. For further information please contact your state Medical Registration Board or Health Department.

For your assistance, several of the relevant internet addresses are listed below:

New South Wales

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/othp/index.html>

Royal Darwin Hospital (email)

medica_recruitment_rdh@nt.gov.au

Alice Springs Hospital (email)

alicerecruitment.dcis@nt.gov.au

AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF RURAL AND REMOTE MEDICINE (ACRRM)

The College is committed to providing the highest quality of medical care, via the development of this discipline. Their members have access to a range of services such as on-line learning and professional development programs.

Address: Level 4, 410 Queen Street
Brisbane City QLD 4000

Postal Address: GPO Box 2507
Brisbane QLD 4001

Telephone: 07 3105 8200
1800 223 226 (Free call)

Facsimile: 07 3105 8299

Internet: <http://www.acrrm.org.au>

Email: acrrm@acrrm.org.au

AUSTRALIAN RURAL AND REMOTE WORK-FORCE AGENCIES GROUP (ARRWAG)

This is a national non-government organization, that is funded by the Department of Health and Ageing. The aim of the organization to support and represent the rural workforce, noting that their main focus is on workforce policy.

Address: PO Box 582, Carlton South VIC 3053

Telephone: 03 9662 2625

Internet: <http://www.arrwag.com.au>

Email: arrwag@arrwag.com.au

Additionally, in its role as an umbrella organization, ARRWAG has the following State Constituent Bodies:

General Practice and Primary Care NT – NT Rural Workforce Agency

Telephone: 08 8982 1050 (Darwin)

Internet: <http://www.gpphcnt.org.au>

NSW Rural Doctors Network

Telephone: 02 4929 1811 (Newcastle - Head Office)
02 6545 2461 (Scone)
02 9313 5955 (Sydney)

Internet: <http://www.nswrdn.com.au>

Queensland Rural Medical Support Agency – Queensland Rural Workforce Agency

Telephone: 07 3105 7800

Internet: <http://www.qrmsa.com.au>

Rural Doctors Workforce Agency – South Australia

Telephone: 08 8357 7444

Internet: <http://www.ruraldoc.com.au>

Rural Workforce Agency – Victoria

Telephone: 03 9349 7800

Internet: <http://www.rwav.com.au>

Tasmanian General Practice Divisions Ltd – Tasmania Rural Workforce Agency

Telephone: 03 6224 1114

Internet: <http://www.tgpd.com.au>

Western Australian Centre for Remote and Rural Medicine

Telephone: 08 6488 8700

Internet: <http://www.wacrrm.uwa.edu.au>

NATIONAL RURAL HEALTH ALLIANCE INC

A non-government organization that works towards improving the health of people throughout rural and remote Australia.

Address: Level 1, 10 Campion Street
Deakin ACT 2600

Postal Address: PO Box 280
Deakin West ACT 2600

Telephone: 02 6285 4660

Facsimile: 02 6285 4670

Internet: <http://www.ruralhealth.org.au>

Email: nrha@ruralhealth.org.au

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS – RURAL FACULTY

The RACGP includes a National Rural Faculty which is an acknowledgement of the special training needs of rural General Practitioners.

Amongst other services, the Faculty provides Training Grants for Rural and Remote Procedural General Practitioners. The grants are for General Practitioners and Locums who practice Obstetrics, Anaesthetics and Surgery in Rural and Remote areas (RRMA 3 – 7). Eligible doctors have the opportunity to access financial assistance to access skills maintenance and upskilling training activities.

For further information on the grants please contact Berlos Davis:

Telephone: 02 9886 4709

Email: rural.procedural.grants@racgp.org.au

The Director of the Rural Faculty is Dr Richard Lawrence who is contactable via the South Australian office. Alternatively, their website is <http://www.racgp.org.au/rural>

RURAL DOCTORS ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA

Address: 42 Macquarie Street
Barton ACT 2600

Postal Address: PO Box 5361
Kingston ACT 2604

Telephone: 02 6273 9303

Facsimile: 02 6273 9308

Internet: <http://rdaa.com.au>

RURAL HEALTH EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Provides independent, accredited education services to health professionals who work in rural and remote areas of Australia.

Address: Unit 5, 53 Dundas Court,
Phillip ACT 2606

Postal Address: PO Box 219
Mawson ACT 2607

Telephone: 02 6232 5480

Facsimile: 02 6232 5484

Internet: <http://www.rhef.com.au>

Email: rhef@rhef.com.au

RURAL MEDICAL FAMILY NETWORK

The Network is a volunteer organization that has been formed to support doctors and their families. They aim to help reduce the sense of isolation, encourage integration into the community and build rapport with peers.

New South Wales

Telephone: 02 6545 2461

Internet: <http://www.rmfm.org.au>

Northern Territory

Telephone: 08 8982 1050 (Darwin)
08 8952 3881 (Alice Springs)

Internet: <http://www.gpphcnt.org.au>

Queensland

Telephone: 07 3105 7800

Internet: <http://www.healthworkforce.com.au>

South Australia

Telephone: 08 8357 7444

Internet: <http://www.ruraldoc.com.au>

Tasmania

Telephone: 03 6224 1114

Internet: <http://www.tgpd.com.au>

Victoria

Telephone: 03 9349 7800

Internet: <http://www.rwav.com.au/rmfm/>

Western Australia

Telephone: 08 6488 8700

Internet: <http://www.wacrrm.uwa.edu.au/families>

10. Other Health Related Organizations

ABORIGINAL AND INDIGENOUS HEALTH

An excellent starting point for this topic is the *Office for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health (OATSIH)* which is part of the Department of Health and Ageing. Their central office is located in Canberra, however their website will provide links to offices in other states and territories. The central office can be contacted as follows:

Telephone: 02 6289 5291

Internet: <http://www.health.gov.au/internet/wcms/publishing.nsf/Content/Services-3>

You may also find the following websites/organizations useful and interesting:

AUSTRALIAN INDIGENOUS HEALTHINFONET

Internet: <http://www.healthinfonet.ecu.edu.au>

ABORIGINAL HEALTH – THE DRS REFERENCE SITE

Internet: http://www.dreref.com.au/aboriginal_health.html

AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF HEALTH AND WELFARE

Internet: <http://www.aihw.gov.au/indigenous/index.cfm>

NATIONAL ABORIGINAL COMMUNITY CONTROLLED HEALTH ORGANIZATION

Internet: <http://www.naccho.org.au>

ADOLESCENT HEALTH

You may access a wide range of information on this topic via the internet.

One particularly helpful site is the *Centre for Adolescent Health* at the Royal Children's Hospital, Melbourne. Their website will provide you with links into a range of associated organizations. The Centre can be contacted as follows:

Address: William Buckland House
2 Gatehouse Street
Parkville VIC 3052

Telephone: 03 9345 5890

Facsimile: 03 9345 6502

Internet: <http://www.rch.org.au/cah>

ALZHEIMER'S AUSTRALIA

This organization provides support and advocacy for Australian who live with dementia. Their website which provides links to their individual state offices together with Help Sheets in several other languages. You may contact the national office on:

Address: PO Box 108
Higgins ACT 2615

Telephone: 02 6254 4233
1800 639 331 (For 24 hour help)

Internet: <http://www.alzheimers.org.au>

ARTHRITIS AUSTRALIA

Provides information, support and awareness of the condition. They also fund medical and scientific research with a view to finding a cure and improving treatments. This is a national organization with links into every state/territory. They can be contacted as follows:

Address: 1st Floor 52 Parramatta Road
Forest Lodge NSW 2037

Postal Address: GPO Box 121
Sydney NSW 2001

Telephone: 02 9552 6085 or 1800 111 101 (Free call)

Facsimile: 02 9552 6072

Internet: info@arthritisaustralia.com.au

ASTHMA COUNCIL OF AUSTRALIA (NATIONAL)

Provides awareness and information about asthma. From their website you may access their offices in each state/territory as well as various government departments and research organisations. You may also access to a range of publications and information papers.

Address: 1 Palmerston Crescent
South Melbourne VIC 3205

Telephone: 03 8699 0476
1800 032 495 (Hotline)

Facsimile: 03 8699 0400

Internet: <http://www.nationalasthma.org.au/>

BABY HEALTH

An excellent starting point is HealthInsite which is an Australian Government initiative. This is a website that provides information on a wide range of baby health issues.

Internet: <http://www.healthinsite.gov.au/topics/Babies>

CANCER COUNCIL AUSTRALIA

A non government cancer control organisation that funds research and provides information and support on control and treatment. Their website provides a range of information as well as links to their offices in each state/territory.

Address: Level 5, Medical Foundation Bldg
92-94 Parramatta Road
Camperdown NSW 2050

Postal Address: GPO Box 4708
Sydney NSW 2001

Telephone: 02 9036 3100

Facsimile: 02 9036 3101

Internet: <http://www.cancer.org.au>

Email: info@cancer.org.au

DIABETES AUSTRALIA

A voluntary support group that is part of a federation of organisations that are medical, scientific, research and community based. This website includes a multilingual site as well as fact sheets, information on research, clinical practice guidelines etc. It also offers links to their offices in each state/territory.

Address: 5th Floor, 39 London Circuit
Canberra City ACT 2600

Postal Address: GPO Box 3156
Canberra ACT 2601

Telephone: 02 6232 3800
1300 136 588 (Help Line at local call cost)

Facsimile: 02 6230 1535

Internet: <http://www.diabetesaustralia.com.au>

DRUGS AND MEDICINES – THE NATIONAL PRESCRIBING SERVICE (NPS)

Provides information on new medicines and is independent of government and the pharmaceutical industry. Their website provides links to a range of organisations and journals. Specifically, you might wish to visit the site for Australian Prescriber which is also listed below.

Address: 7/418A Elizabeth Street
Surry Hills NSW 2010

Telephone: 02 8217 8700

Facsimile: 02 9211 7578

Internet: <http://www.nps.org.au/site.php?page=1>
<http://www.australianprescriber.com>

Email: info@nps.org.au

FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION

This national organisation provides a wide range of sexual and reproductive health services via their offices in every state/territory (see website for links). Fact sheets and an area dedicated to health professionals is available via their website.

Address: 328 - 336 Liverpool Road
Ashfield NSW 2131

Telephone: 02 8752 4348

Facsimile: 02 9716 7234

Internet: <http://www.fpa.net.au>

Email: fpa@fpa.net.au

HIV/AIDS AND HEPATITIS C INFORMATION (AUSTRALIAN MULTILINGUAL WEBSITE)

This website allows you to access information in either English or sixteen (16) other languages. In addition to the website, they can be contacted as follows:

Address: Level 2, Building 12
Cnr Grose Street & Missenden Road
Camperdown NSW 2050

Telephone: 02 9515 5030

Internet: <http://www.multiculturalhivhepc.net>

Email: info@multiculturalhivhepc.net.au

HEART FOUNDATION (NATIONAL)

Contact them for information on the office in your state/territory, or go to their website which includes a link for Health Professionals with clinical practice guidelines for lipid management, blood pressure and acute coronary syndromes.

Telephone: 1300 362 787 (Heartline)

Internet: <http://www.heartfoundation.com.au/>

IMMUNISATION GUIDELINES

The Immunisation Australia Program operates as part of the Department of Health and Ageing. Their detailed website includes links to other government sites, at Commonwealth and state/territory level. From this site you may also access the most recent edition of the Immunisation Handbook.

Telephone: 1800 671 811 (National Immunisation Infoline)

Internet: <http://www.immunise.health.gov.au/>

MEN'S HEALTH INFORMATION AND RESOURCE CENTRE

This centre is part of the University of Western Sydney and aims to contribute to the health and well being of men and boys.

Address: Michael Woods
Building P 11,
University of Western Sydney
Hawkesbury NSW

Postal Address: Locked Bag 1797
South Penrith DC NSW 1797

Telephone: 02 4570 1550

Facsimile: 02 4570 1522

Internet: <http://menshealth.uws.edu.au>

MENTAL HEALTH

The internet provides many websites relating to mental health/illness. From a clinical point of view you might wish to start with your state Health Department.

One very helpful organisation is the *Black Dog Institute* which deals with depression and bipolar disorder. They have a clinical, research and educational base.

Address: Hospital Road,
Prince of Wales Hospital
Randwick NSW 2031

Telephone: 02 9382 4530

Facsimile: 02 9382 8208

Internet: <http://blackdoginstitute.org.au>

SEXUAL HEALTH

A brief sample of websites is detailed below for your assistance. It is also recommended that you refer to government health sites, family planning and HIV/AIDS information.

Melbourne Sexual Health Centre

<http://www.mshc.org.au/>

NSW Health MultiCultural Health Communication Service

<http://mhcs.health.nsw.gov.au>

Sexual Healing

<http://yoyo.cc.monash.edu.au>

Sexual Health Journal

<http://publish.csiro.au>

WOMEN'S HEALTH

A wealth of information and assistance is available on this subject. Of particular interest is *Working Women's Health* which is an immigrant women's organisation. They can be contacted as follows:

Address: Ground Floor, 192 High Street
Northcote VIC 3070

Telephone: 02 9482 3299

Facsimile: 03 9482 3711

Internet: <http://www.workingwomenshealth.asn.au>

Email: info@workingwomenshealth.asn.au

Other useful websites are:

Royal Women's Hospital

<http://www.rwh.org.au/rwhcpg>

PriMed in association with Jean Hailes Institute

<http://www.jeanhailes.org.au>

11. Bridging Courses

BRIDGING PROGRAM FOR OVERSEAS TRAINED MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS

The South West Sydney Clinical School runs a program which assists students in preparing for the AMC's clinical examination and involves a combination of tutorials, case management sessions and virtual ward experiences.

Telephone: 02 9828 3846

Internet: <http://swscs.med.unsw.edu.au/swscs.nsf/website/schoolhome.otd>

CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES

The CIMG is part of Queensland Health's Skill Development Centre which offers a number of health related and bridging courses. They also provide library and research facilities.

Telephone: 07 3636 6566

Internet: <http://www.sdc.qld.edu.au/skills/cimg.asp>

MONASH UNIVERSITY AMC CLINICAL PROGRAM

Structured Clinical Assessment Course – Approximately four (4) are held each year. It consists of a six (6) week course each Tuesday and involves role-plays, small group work and physical examination practice.

Telephone: 03 9905 4301

Internet: <http://www.med.monash.edu.au/general-practice/teaching/amcprogram.html>

POSTGRADUATE MEDICAL COUNCIL OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA (PMCSA)

The PMCSA in conjunction with the Department of Health provides a number of bridging courses including MCQ Preparation Program, Clinical Exam Preparation Program and Clinical Exam Bridging Course.

Telephone: 08 8331 8733

Email: linsey@pmcsa.org.au

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS (RACGP) – NATIONAL PROVIDER

A national provider of bridging courses for both the MCQ and clinical candidates.

MCQ – A ten (10) week course that is run approximately four (4) times per year depending on applicant numbers. It consists of three (3) face to face 1 - 2 day workshops held at weekends, with two (2) mock exams and weekly online access to different examples.

Clinical – This is an eight (8) week course run on Fridays, approximately four (4) times per year, depending on applicant numbers. It comprises small group work focussing on developing frameworks for diagnosis and management and practising them in role-play format.

Telephone: 03 8699 0414 (Anita O'Brien)

Internet: <http://www.gplearning.gpea.com/index.html>

VICTORIAN MEDICAL POSTGRADUATE FOUNDATION

MCQ – (2 per year) A ten(10) week full-time course consisting of approximately 110 tutorials and lectures. Candidates also make presentations to the group on the subjects covered. Additionally, trial Exam Workshops are held at the beginning and end of each course, which allows candidates to discuss any problems and gauge their level of language proficiency.

Fast-track Clinical Bridging Course – (2 per year) A full time twelve (12) week hospital based program open to Victorian and interstate candidates. The course consists of a hospital placement with tutorials and lectures. Approximately fourteen (14) candidates are selected via an interview process to undertake the course.

Clinical Bridging Course – This course runs for twenty (20) weeks and is a full-time hospital based program. Also included are examination role-playing workshops and communication skills training.

Telephone: 03 9415 1177

Internet: http://www.vmpf.org.au/overseas_doctors.htm

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE – FEE-HELP SCHEME

In January 2005 the Australian Government introduced the Fee-Help scheme which replaced BOTPLS and PELS. This scheme provides loans to eligible, fee paying students to help pay all or part of their tuition fees. Bridging Courses for overseas trained professionals can be considered for this scheme, noting however that there are a number of other eligibility conditions which must also be met. For further information you should contact:

Internet: <http://www.goingtouni.gov.au/main/feesLoandAndScholarships/Postgraduate>

12. Textbook/Journal Resources

AUSTRALIAN DOCTOR

A weekly journal that provides information, clinical guidelines and various articles. It is available on-line or hard copies via a subscription.

Telephone: 1300 360 126

Internet: <http://www.australiandoctor.com.au/>

AUSTRALIAN FAMILY PHYSICIAN (AFP)

The journal of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP); it is published monthly and provides good general articles on a range of medical topics from the primary health care perspective. Available on-line or via membership of the College.

Telephone: Your State Faculty of the RACGP

Internet: http://www.racgp.org.au/publications/afp_online.asp

AUSTRALIAN MEDICAL SITES

An extremely large website with many resources and links; most of which are free to access. Use their alphabetical listing or conduct your own search.

Internet: <http://www.dreref.com.au/ausmedsite.html>

BETTER HEALTH

Hosted by the Victorian Government, this community based website provides current, locally relevant health information.

Internet: <http://www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au>

CLINICAL INFORMATION ACCESS ON-LINE (CIAO)

Although primarily for doctors in Western Australia, it does have links that are generally accessible, including full open access journals and an interactive ECG site.

Internet: <http://www.health.wa.gov.au>

COCHRANE LIBRARY

A regularly updated collection of evidence-based medicine databases. The Library is part of the Australasian Cochrane Centre which is based in the Monash Institute of Health Services Research, Melbourne.

Telephone: 03 9594 7530

Internet: <http://www.cochrane.org.au>

ELECTRONIC MEDICAL TEXTS

A source of free medical information, with large numbers of books that you can access either via specialty or title. Also includes information in a wide range of other languages.

Internet: <http://www.freebooks4doctors.com/>

eMEDICINE

An American site that provides the latest practice guidelines for 59 specialties, and evidence based articles and can search for clinical topics.

Internet: <http://www.emedicine.com/>

GP NOTEBOOK

UK based encyclopaedia for health professionals that you may find very useful. There is no need to register, instead simply enter a topic and search.

Internet: <http://www.gpnotebook.co.uk/homepage.cfm>

HEALTH/INSITE

This is an initiative of the Australian Government providing up to date information on a wide range of subjects. They also offer information in languages other than English.

Telephone: 02 6289 8488

Internet: <http://www.healthinsite.gov.au>

MEDICAL OBSERVER

A weekly journal aimed at general practitioners and some specialists. It is made available to some doctors on a complimentary basis, or via a small subscription fee. It provides information, clinical guidelines and various articles

Telephone: 02 9902 7777

Internet: <http://www.medicalobserver.com.au>

MEDICAL STUDENT

This website offers links to many websites most of which are free of charge. The information is organised by subject and also has links to interactive and patient simulation websites.

Internet: <http://www.medicalstudent.com>

MEDICAL JOURNAL OF AUSTRALIA (MJA)

This is the official journal of the Australian Medical Association (AMA) and is available to members or private subscribers. You may access it electronically and will find it particularly useful for clinical guidelines.

Telephone: 02 9562 6666

Internet: <http://www.mja.com.au/>

MEDICINE TODAY

A monthly journal that provides practical, clinical information that is both a valuable resource and excellent learning and educational tool. It is not available electronically at this stage, however doctors who are registered with the AMC may purchase a subscription at student rates.

Telephone: 02 9908 8577 (Ask for Sarah)

MEDSCAPE

An American site with free registration that provides access to many articles, a weekly newsletter and some interactive activities.

Internet: <http://www.medscape.com>

MERCK MANUAL

A variety of manuals are available free on-line via this website. It has been designed for both health professionals and the general public.

Internet: <http://www.merck.com/pubs/>

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF MEDICINE – PUB MED

The site can be little complicated, but it does enable you can search for particular topics within a wide range of books - both clinical and non clinical.

Internet: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/entrez/query.fcgi?db=Books>

NEWCASTLE ON TYNE UNIVERSITY

This a United Kingdom university whose website includes tutorials on the examination of the breast, chest, back, abdomen and knee.

Internet: <http://www.anatome.ncl.ac.uk/tutorials>

UNIVERSITY/HOSPITAL LIBRARIES

It may be possible to borrow medical textbooks from university or hospital libraries. It is recommended that you contact the respective library directly to confirm their lending requirements/regulations.

WORLD ORGANISATION OF NATIONAL COLLEGES AND ACADEMY'S OF FAMILY MEDICINE (WONCA)

This is a good site for recent journal updates and access to medical journals.

Internet: <http://www.globalfamilydoctor.com/>

13. On-line Education

AUSTRALIAN COLLEGE OF RURAL AND REMOTE MEDICINE (ACRRM)

Provides on-line activities and a personalised on-line learning planner. The website is available free of charge once you have registered.

Internet: <http://www.rrmeo.com/>

AUSTRALIAN FAMILY PHYSICIAN (AFP) – CLINICAL CHALLENGE

The Clinical Challenge questions that form part of the monthly journal publication are also available on-line. You may read the relevant journal articles whilst completing the Challenge.

Telephone: 03 8699 0414

Internet: http://www.racgp.org.au/publications/afp_online.asp

CONTINUOUS HOME EVALUATION OF CLINICAL KNOWLEDGE (CHECK)

Operated by RACGP Online, Check is a monthly self assessment program. It provides you with a brief clinical scenario followed by a series of questions.

Telephone: 03 8699 0414

Internet: http://www.racgp.org.au/publications/check_program.asp

eMEDICINE

A limited number of interactive quizzes and scenarios are available free of charge.

Internet: <http://master.emedicine.com/maint/cme.asp>

ROYAL AUSTRALIA COLLEGE OF GENERAL PRACTITIONERS (RACGP) – GP LEARNING

This detailed website has multiple clinical activities, multiple choice questions and interactive case scenarios. However it is NOT free and requires a subscription to access activities. Doctors who are enrolled in a College bridging course have limited access, or Affiliate Membership of the RACGP (International Medical Graduates) provides access to both the website and Library.

Internet: <http://www.gplearning.gpea.com.au>

FAMILY PRACTICE

This is an American website but you can access multiple choice questions either by selecting 100 newest questions or according to medical area. The answers can be checked after completing batches of ten (10). Access is free of charge, although you should keep in mind that there is a distinct American bias with regards to drug names etc

Internet: <http://www.familypractice.com/qanda/qandaframe.htm>

PRIMED

This website provides access to many tests and quizzes. Access is provided free of charge.

Internet: <http://www.primed.com.au/index.cfm>

14. English Language Services

LANGUAGE ASSESSMENT

Part of the "Identification, Assessment and Counselling Permanent Resident Overseas Trained Doctors Not Currently in the Australian Medical Workforce" project involved assessing language proficiency and cultural competence.

The national assessment model was developed by *The Adult Migrant Education Service, New South Wales*. As an agency within the NSW Department of Education and Training, they provide English language and literacy tuition, assessment and workplace services and services to the teaching profession. Additionally, they are well established in teaching language in a medical context.

The following organizations provided assessment services for the Project using the national model:

Australian Capital Territory (Canberra)

Please refer to New South Wales.

New South Wales

Contact Name: Ms Loy Chee Tan
Organization: Adult Migrant Education Service (AMES)
Telephone: 02 9289 9108
Internet: <http://www.ames.edu.au>

Northern Territory

Please refer to the state in which you undertook your assessment.

Queensland

Brisbane

Contact Name: Ms Christine M. Bundesen
Organization: Institute of Continuing & TESOL Education, University of Queensland
Telephone: 07 3365 6500
Internet: <http://www.itce.ug.edu.au>

Townsville

Contact Name: Adrian Fitzgerald
Organization: English Language Centre, James Cook University
Telephone: 07 4781 4414
Internet: <http://www.jcu.edu.au>

South Australia

Contact Name: Prue Hemming
Organization: English Language Services, Adelaide Campus, TAFESA
Telephone: 08 8207 8800

Tasmania

Please refer to the state in which you undertook your assessment.

Victoria

This component of the project was undertaken by a number of private consultants. If you have any queries, please contact the Project Office.

Western Australia

Contact Name: Sophie Burrows
Organization: Adult Migrant Education Service
Telephone: 08 9229 3611
Email: BurroS@ames.training.wa.gov.au

TEACHING PROGRAMS

There are a number of programs available to migrants and refugees from non-English speaking backgrounds who wish to improve their English language skills. A small sample of those programs is listed below:

The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP)

This is an initiative of the Department of Immigration Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs. The national office is located in Canberra, however their website provides links to the other offices.

Telephone: 02 6264 1111
Internet: <http://www.immi.gov.au>

Adult Migrant English Service

Each state and territory offer English language services. This is not a national organization and some of their services are part of the AMEP program (refer above). However they may also offer additional courses and home tutoring. It is recommended that you contact your respective state for further information regarding their services.

State	Telephone
Australian Capital Territory	02 6205 9600
New South Wales	02 9289 9222
Northern Territory	08 8946 6578
Queensland	07 3234 1666
South Australia	08 8226 6555
Tasmania	03 6233 7119
Victoria	03 9926 4666
Western Australia	08 9229 3600

Technical and Further Education Colleges (TAFE) and Universities

Many TAFE's and universities also offer language programs, either in conjunction with or in addition to those listed above. Your local telephone directory or the internet will provide further information.

Private Services

In addition to the government sponsored programs, there are a number of private services and consultants.

One such service is *Better Communication* which is operated by Elizabeth Abrahams who is a qualified Speech Pathologist. Ms Abrahams offers a service which covers evaluation (1 hour), delivery (12 hours – group or one on one) and re-evaluation (1 hour). She may be contacted via telephone number 02 9416 9693 or on email to entente@bigpond.com.

TESTING SERVICES

International English Language Testing System (IELTS)

This globally recognized assessment is jointly managed by the University of Cambridge, British Council and IDP Australia. The test covers listening, reading, writing and speaking and is available in either an academic or general format. It is recognized by universities and employers in countries including Australia, Canada, Ireland, New Zealand, the UK and the USA.

Telephone: 02 8260 3300

Internet: <http://www.ielts.org>

The Occupational English Test (OET)

The OET assesses the English language proficiency for health professionals and covers listening, reading, writing and speaking skills. The test is administered by the Centre for Adult Education who can be contacted as follows:

Telephone: 03 9657 8111

Internet: <http://www.cae.edu.au/?cinfo=oet>
<http://www.oet.com.au>

15. Migrant Resources

MIGRANT RESOURCE CENTRES AND MIGRANT SERVICE AGENCIES

The Department of Immigration and Multicultural and Indigenous Affairs (DIMIA) provides these facilities in each state of Australia. To establish contact with your local office you should either check your local telephone directory, or visit their website.

Internet: <http://www.immi.gov.au/multicultural/australian/current.htm>

Please note that services in the Northern Territory are funded under the Community Settlement Services Scheme (CSSS).

FEDERATION OF ETHNIC COUNCILS OF AUSTRALIA (FECCA)

FECCA is the peak body promoting multiculturalism, community harmony and social justice. They are involved in community education, advocacy and human and cultural rights. Their website will also provide you with access to a range of multicultural organizations.

Telephone: 02 6282 5755

Internet: <http://www.fecca.org.au>

SERVICE FOR THE TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION OF TORTURE AND TRAUMA SURVIVORS (STARTTS)

This organization was established to work with refugees and those from refugee-like situations to assist their resettlement into Australia. Their services are broad and include assessment, counseling and intervention.

Telephone: 02 9794 1900

Internet: <http://www.startts.org>

16. Alternative Career Opportunities

AUSTRALIAN AMBULANCE SERVICES

Ambulance services operate on a state basis, and in general terms are funded by the respective Health Department.

Australian Capital Territory (Canberra)

Telephone: 02 6207 9980

Internet: <http://www.ambulance.act.gov.au>

New South Wales

Telephone: 02 9320 7777

Internet: <http://www.asnsw.health.nsw.gov.au>

Northern Territory

Telephone: 08 8922 6200

Queensland

Telephone: 07 3109 7222

Internet: <http://www.ambulance.qld.gov.au>

South Australia

Telephone: 1300 136 272

Internet: <http://www.saambulance.com.au>

Tasmania

Telephone: 03 6271 0333

Internet: <http://www.dhhs.tas.gov.au/services/view.php?id=412>

Victoria

Telephone: 03 5338 5000

Internet: <http://www.ambulance-vic.com.au/index.html>

Western Australia

Telephone: 08 9334 12222

Internet: <http://www.ambulance.net.au>

NURSING

There is a wide range of employment opportunities available in nursing and related areas that you may not have previously considered. However the educational, training and registration requirements will vary according to the chosen discipline and your physical location. Accordingly, as a starting point, it is recommended that you contact your state Health Department.

OTHER AREAS

In addition to nursing, you might want to consider the following possibilities:

- Pathology Laboratories
- Radiology
- University/College Tutoring

ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE AUSTRALIA

This self-funded charitable organization is dedicated to helping people in sickness, distress, suffering or danger. They are Australia's largest first aid trainer and provide professional first aid service at community and public events. Although primarily volunteer based, they do employ first aid instructors and other staff members.

Their nation office is in Canberra, however their website provides links to other state and territory offices.

Address: Cnr Canberra Avenue and Dominion Court
Forrest ACT 2603

Postal Address: PO Box 3895
Manuka ACT 2603

Telephone: 02 6295 3777
1300 360 455

Facsimile: 02 6239 6321

Internet: <http://www.stjohn.org.au>

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