



Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine of Ireland

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Gaining Entry to the Specialist Division Register of the Medical Council in ICM

Q1. How do I apply for entry to the Specialist Division of the Register of the Medical Council of Ireland ('the Medical Council') in Intensive Care Medicine (ICM)?

To have their name listed on the Specialist Division of the Register (SDR) of the Medical Council a doctor must apply directly to the Medical Council. There are various routes available to doctors who wish to be included on the SDR, as outlined on the Medical Council website www.medicalcouncil.ie.

A Specialist is a doctor who has completed their postgraduate training and is eligible to practice independently in their chosen specialty. There are various pathways to achieving inclusion on the SDR, details of which are available on the [Medical Council Website](#).

The Postgraduate Training Body (PGTB) is not in any way responsible for who does or does not get admitted to the SDR of the Medical Council. The role of the postgraduate training body is to provide advice in line with the Medical Practitioners Act 2007, section 47 1(f). The Medical Council is the statutory body who is responsible for entry and maintenance of the Specialist Division of the Register.

Q2. What is the role of the Joint Faculty of Intensive Care Medicine of Ireland (JFICMI) and the College of Anaesthesiologists of Ireland?

The Postgraduate Training Body (PGTB) holds two roles in assisting the Medical Council in the inclusion of a doctor's name on the SDR. These roles are as follows:

- Delivery of [Postgraduate Training Programmes](#) in a number of specialties leading to the award of a Certificate of Satisfactory Completion of Specialist Training (CSCST).
- Provision of advice to the Medical Council following assessment of a doctor's training and experience against the training attained by a graduate of the relevant training programme in Ireland.

When assessing a doctor's training and experience, the PGTB is guided by the approved Curriculum of Training in the relevant specialty currently in use by the Training Body. The JFICMI have developed the speciality curriculum for Intensive Care Medicine in Ireland. Doctor's applying for assessment by this pathway must prove that their training and experience is no less than the minimum standard as set out in the JFICMI Curriculum of Training.



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Q3. About the Higher Speciality Training Programme in Intensive Care Medicine in Ireland

Intensive Care Medicine (ICM) has been recognised by the Medical Council as a specialty since 2014. As it is a supra-specialty, physicians can only complete ICM training if they are on the SDR of the Medical Council in an approved base specialty. These base specialties include Anaesthesiology, Medicine, Emergency Medicine and Surgery. The programme duration is ordinarily seven years. Applicants must be on the SDR in one of the approved base specialties and complete a minimum of 2 years dedicated, supervised higher specialist training in ICM. The total duration may vary based on the training requirements of the different base specialties.

Mandatory requirements for satisfactory completion of the Higher Speciality Training Programme in ICM include:

- Twenty four months dedicated higher specialist training in ICM, completed in the context of a formal ICM training scheme in JFICMI accredited training hospitals in Ireland. At least twelve months of this training must be **post** entry onto or eligibility for entry onto the SDR of the Medical Council in an appropriate base speciality
- Successful completion of the Fellowship examination of the JFICMI
- Satisfactory achievement of all criteria required for training as documented in the JFICMI Curriculum and Minimal Training Requirements document (including clinical competencies, professionalism competencies, mandatory courses, research project, ICM logbook and ITAs)
- Satisfactory exit interview from the JFICMI Higher Specialty Training Programme

Trainees who attain a CSCST in Intensive Care Medicine will automatically be eligible for inclusion on the Specialist Division of the Register in ICM under Section 47(1)(b) of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007.

Q.4 What hospitals in Ireland are currently recognised for training by the JFICMI? (July 2024)

1. Beaumont Hospital, Dublin*	7. Mater Misericordiae University Hospital, Dublin*
2. ^CHI, Crumlin* (max 6 mths during 24 mths training)	8. St James's Hospital, Dublin*
3. ^CHI, Temple St (modular Training)	9. St Vincent's University Hospital, Dublin*
4. Cork University Hospital*	10. Tallaght University Hospital, Dublin
5. Galway (University Hospital)*	11. Waterford University Hospital (modular training)
6. Limerick (University Hospital)	

*Hospitals recognised for both Year 1 and Year 2 ICM training

^CHI = Children's Health Ireland



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Q5. If I have specialist registration in ICM in another EU or non-EU country, do I need to apply to the Medical Council for assessment of training?

Yes. This is because currently ICM is not recognised as a speciality by the EU under Annex V of the Directive of the recognition of professional qualifications (2005/36/EC).

Q6. Does the Medical Council currently recognise any ICM training programmes for direct entry to the Specialist Division of the Register?

Yes. These are the FCICM (ANZ) and FFICM(UK) programmes. To be eligible for consideration under this provision, the applicant doctor will need to provide evidence to the Medical Council of:

- a) Medical registration with the Medical Council (or eligibility for same)
- b) Fellowship in good standing with the CICM(ANZ) or FICM (UK)
- c) Maintenance of a Continuing Professional Competency scheme in ICM up to the time of application
- d) Structured reference from a current or prospective employer verifying satisfactory practice in ICM

Such applicants, having provided documentary evidence to the Medical Council as listed in a-d above, would be eligible for inclusion on the SDR in Intensive Care Medicine under Section 47(1)(f) of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007.

Q7. Does the Medical Council currently accept any examinations as being comparable to the Fellowship examination of the JFICMI for the purpose of entry to the Specialist Division of the Register in ICM?

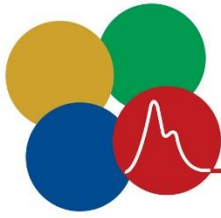
Yes. The following examinations are acceptable as comparable to the Fellowship examination of the JFICMI:

- EDIC Part 1 & 2
- FFICM (UK)
- FCICM (Australia/New Zealand)

Q8. What evidence do I need to provide to the Medical Council of base specialty training?

For applicants registered in the SDR of the Medical Council in a base specialty, evidence of such will suffice.

Applicants who have completed base specialty training but have not yet been entered onto the SDR in that specialty should first apply to the Medical Council for assessment of training and entry to the SDR in their base specialty. If successful in this application,



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and their base specialty is either Anaesthesiology, Emergency Medicine, Medicine or Surgery, they may then apply to the Medical Council for assessment of eligibility to enter onto the SDR in ICM.

Q9. If I am applying for specialist registration in Anaesthesiology, but also wish to work as a consultant in an ICU in Ireland, am I also required to obtain specialist registration in ICM?

No. You are not required to obtain specialist registration in intensive care medicine to work in ICUs in Ireland. However some units may require this. Please refer to the individual job description for further information.