



# Mostafa

PERSONA DESCRIPTION

Mostafa, 55, male, married – Country of training –Professor in Egypt with 25 years of experience as a vitreo-retinal sub specialist ophthalmologist. He did not have all the required paperwork for verification and had to return to his country of training to source relevant documents. He was lucky enough to connect with an old mentor in his home country who assisted with finding the relevant paperwork and helped him deal with administration. He was deemed partially comparable and required to sit specialist college exams which focused on general ophthalmic content. He was required to do some workplace-based assessments and supervised training to prepare for the advanced clinical examination but failed the specialist college exams on several occasions - struggled with generalist knowledge. The College allowed only one sitting of the exam. He has not given up on his plan to practice in Australia as a medical doctor and is currently studying for the AMC MCQ examination. The financial burden of immigration and international medical graduate assessment is proving challenging because his savings, which are in Egyptian pounds, are worth less in exchange with Australian dollars (AUD). He was separated from his family for a time but is now reunited – they now live in WA in a metro area. Mostafa can’t understand why he needs to restart his career rather than have his prior experience acknowledged and accredited in a context of work shortages in medicine.

AGE	GENDER	RELATIONSHIP STATUS
55 Years of Age	Male	Married to a Medical Doctor

COUNTRY OF TRAINING

Egypt

STAGE OF TRAINING

Experienced Specialist – Professor of Ophthalmology.

PATHWAY

SPECIALIST PATHWAY

MOTIVATIONS TO COME TO AUSTRALIA

To pursue his professional career as an Ophthalmologist in Australia with a better life for his family

AUSTRALIAN WORK LOCATION

Not Working. Applying for the AMC standard pathway MCQ examination

STRENGTHS

Very experienced senior specialist with a strong research track record. He has the capacity to contribute to capability development in ophthalmic research with his Australian colleagues.

CHALLENGES

He did not have all the required paperwork for verification and had to return to his country of training to source relevant documents; and he struggled with generalist ophthalmology examinations. Financial burden of immigration and international medical graduate assessment is proving challenging.

ASPIRATIONS

He has not given up on his plan to practice medicine in Australia.

ENABLERS

Recognition of specialist qualifications and mentors.