



Olga

PERSONA DESCRIPTION

Olga, 42, female, married. Country of Training – Finland. She lives and works in Launceston TAS. She invested heavily in coming to Australia and she found international medical graduate pathways to be complex, expensive and time-consuming. She was deemed partially comparable in the specialist pathway for psychiatry. She undertook two years of supervised training, exams and other work place-based assessment (ADD) to meet College requirements. She thought more consideration should have been given to the facts that she has an excellent command of the English language and that she was from an OECD health system. She is not impressed with the health system in Australia. Olga was quite confronted by systemic health inequity in the Australian health system, particularly Indigenous health. She has actively tried to improve wait times, mental health services, family liaison and work with Aboriginal Communities and health workers. She feels that there are many barriers to international medical graduate recognition of prior skills and life as an immigrant in Australia. She is feeling homesick for Finland and is planning to return to her home country.

AGE	GENDER	RELATIONSHIP STATUS
42 Years of Age	Female	Married

COUNTRY OF TRAINING

Finland

STAGE OF TRAINING

Worked as a psychiatrist in Finland.

PATHWAY

SPECIALIST PATHWAY

MOTIVATIONS TO COME TO AUSTRALIA

For adventure and a better life.

AUSTRALIAN WORK LOCATION

Launceston, Tasmania.

STRENGTHS

Strong background in psychiatry and mental health. Her English language skills are excellent.

CHALLENGES

She is not impressed with the health system in Australia or opportunities for her family and is feeling homesick for Finland. She feels that there are many barriers to international medical graduate recognition of prior skills and life as an immigrant in Australia.

ASPIRATIONS

To return to Finland.

ENABLERS

A less complex system of specialist recognition.