Dear Colleagues,

The Medical Council of Ireland is seeking to extend its knowledge of specialist training provided by universities / training bodies in Ukraine and we would be grateful if fellow regulators could share their experience with us.

I would be grateful if you would answer the following questions:

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| 1. Have you accepted specialist qualifications obtained in Ukraine for the purpose of recognising a doctor as a specialised doctor? | Yes, we have processed the applications of Ukrainians, but since the study programmes in Ukraine are mostly too short term, the applicants get a refusal to be registered as specialist medical doctors. There have been exceptions in orthodontics (in which case they have to take the qualification’s exam in orthodontics as well). |
| 1. If yes, can you advise in which specialties? | Anesthesiology, psychiatry, pediatrics, orthodontics so on.  Since the applicants know that they won’t get registered as specialist medical doctors they usually issue an application to get registered as a doctor without the speciality (basic medical training). |
| 1. Could you provide details about your assessment process for these applications? | If the duration of the specialist medical training is shorter than in Estonia then the applicant will receive a refusal to be registered – this is about 99% of the cases.  If the applicant has already taken a qualification’s exam and gotten registered as a medical doctor + the duration of the specialist medical training equals or is longer than in Estonia + the applicant has worked as a specialist medical doctor for at least 3 years in a row during the 5 years before they issued the registration application (in case they acquired the specialist medical education for at least 5 years ago) then they will receive a decision referring them to take a qualification’s exam as a specialist doctor (practice period for about 4 months and a theory exam). |
| 1. When assessing applications from Ukraine qualified specialists: |  |
| 1. have you found variations in the standard of specialist training across different universities /training bodies / regions in Ukraine?   If yes, could you comment on the differences? | N/A |
| 1. have you found that the standard of specialist training in any university/ training bodies/ regions is more aligned to the standards set out in the Directive?   If yes, could you provide some information and indicate those universities / training bodies? | N/A |
| 1. Any other comments. | N/A |

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Many thanks for your assistance with my query.

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