

Medical Training (Prioritisation) Bill

RUNNING LIST OF ALL AMENDMENTS IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

*Tabled up to and including
9 February 2026*

[Amendments marked ★ are new or have been altered]

Clause 1

BARONESS COFFEY

Clause 1, page 1, line 4, leave out from “places” to end of line 7 and insert “first to eligible applicants in the category set out in subsection (2), then to eligible applicants in the category set out in subsection (3), and then to eligible applicants in the category set out in subsection (4).”

- (2) This category is UK medical graduates who are British citizens.
- (3) This category is persons in the priority group.
- (4) This category is UK medical graduates who are not British citizens.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to ensure that places are offered first to UK medical graduates who are British citizens, secondly to persons in the priority group and finally to UK medical graduates who are not British citizens.

Clause 2

LORD STEVENS OF BIRMINGHAM
LORD MOHAMMED OF TINSLEY
EARL HOWE
LORD PATEL

★ Clause 2, page 1, line 16, at end insert —

“(e) persons of a description set out in regulations made by the appropriate authority,”

Member's explanatory statement

In setting prioritisation criteria for specialty training in 2026, this amendment would permit (but not require) the appropriate authority to make regulations specifying further groups of people who are included. Such regulations could, for instance, take account of a doctor's significant prior NHS experience, as it intends to do from 2027 onwards.

LORD STEVENS OF BIRMINGHAM
LORD MOHAMMED OF TINSLEY
EARL HOWE
LORD PATEL

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Clause 2, page 2, line 6, at end insert –

“(3) Regulations under subsection (1)(e) may only describe persons who –

- (a) in the opinion of the appropriate authority, meet criteria set out in the regulations which indicate that they are likely to have significant experience of working as a doctor in the National Health Service in England, Wales or Scotland or in Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland, or
- (b) are persons within any of paragraphs (a) to (e) of subsection (2) or are otherwise described by reference to their immigration status.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment is connected to another amendment to Clause 2 in the name of Lord Stevens of Birmingham.

Clause 4

BARONESS GERADA
LORD CLEMENT-JONES
LORD MENDELSON

Clause 4, page 3, line 2, at end insert “, unless they hold a primary UK medical qualification issued by a UK registered institution, operating on the date of 1 January 2026, which is identical in character to a qualification undertaken in the British Islands and recognised as such by the UK General Medical Council.”

BARONESS GERADA
LORD CLEMENT-JONES
LORD MENDELSON

Clause 4, page 3, line 4, leave out “(3) or (4)” and insert “(2A), (3) or (4).

- (2A) A person is within this subsection if they hold a primary UK medical qualification issued by a UK-registered institution, operating on 1 January 2026, which is

identical in character to a qualification undertaken in the British Islands and recognised as such by the UK General Medical Council.

In this subsection, a UK-registered institution means an institution that meets the requirements of –

- (a) section 3 of the Higher Education Research Act 2017 (the register),
- (b) Schedule 6 of the Education Reform Act 1988 (courses of higher education),
- (c) section 38 of the Further and Higher Education of Scotland Act 1992 (meaning of higher education), or
- (d) Schedule 1(2) of the Further Education (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (higher education: professional examinations)."

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to ensure that medical graduates of a UK institution who (1) take an identical GMC-approved MBBS course, (2) take the same assessments and (3) receive the same GMC-approved degree, are included in the priority group, even if the course is not undertaken in the British Isles.

LORD FORBES OF NEWCASTLE
BARONESS FINLAY OF LLANDAFF
LORD SHIPLEY
BARONESS HOLLINS

Clause 4, page 3, line 4, leave out "(3) or (4)" and insert "(2A), (3) or (4).

(2A) A person is within this subsection if –

- (a) they hold a primary medical qualification awarded by a United Kingdom medical school,
- (b) the qualification was awarded following study at an overseas campus of that medical school that is extant on the day on which this Act is passed, and
- (c) the qualification and course of study are approved by the General Medical Council as equivalent to a primary United Kingdom qualification."

BARONESS FINLAY OF LLANDAFF

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Clause 4, page 3, line 8, leave out paragraph (b) and insert –

"(b) they spent at least 60% of their time training for that qualification in Ireland."

BARONESS GERADA
LORD CLEMENT-JONES
LORD MENDELSON

Clause 4, page 3, line 13, at end insert –

"(ba) Malta,"

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment seeks to ensure that people who hold a primary medical qualification from an institution in Malta, where medicine is interconnected with the UK system, are included in the priority group for medical training on the UK Foundation Programme.

Clause 7

LORD MOHAMMED OF TINSLEY

Clause 7, page 4, line 39, leave out subsections (1) to (4) and insert –

“(1) Regulations under this Act are subject to the affirmative resolution procedure.”

LORD STEVENS OF BIRMINGHAM

LORD MOHAMMED OF TINSLEY

EARL HOWE

LORD PATEL

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Clause 7, page 4, line 39, at end insert –

“(za) section 2 (specialty training programmes: offers made in 2026),”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and the others to Clause 7 in the name of Lord Stevens of Birmingham are connected to his amendment to Clause 2.

LORD STEVENS OF BIRMINGHAM

LORD MOHAMMED OF TINSLEY

EARL HOWE

LORD PATEL

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Clause 7, page 5, line 24, after “under” insert “section 2,”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment and the others to Clause 7 in the name of Lord Stevens of Birmingham are connected to his amendment to Clause 2.

Clause 8

BARONESS COFFEY

Clause 8, page 6, line 23, leave out from “force” to the end of line 24 and insert “one month after the day on which it is passed.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment brings the Act into force one month after it is passed.

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