

Medical Training (Prioritisation) Bill

MARSHALLED
LIST OF AMENDMENTS
TO BE MOVED
IN COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE HOUSE

[Amendments marked ★ are new or have been altered]

Amendment
No.

Clause 1

LORD PATEL

- 1★ Clause 1, page 1, line 4, after “must” insert “first”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and others in the name of Lord Patel, seeks to ensure that UK medical graduates are prioritised above other categories of eligible applicants.

BARONESS COFFEY

- 2 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.

LORD PATEL

- 3★ Clause 1, page 1, line 5, leave out from “graduates” to end of line 6 and insert “and then to eligible applicants who are persons in the priority group”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and others in the name of Lord Patel, seeks to ensure that UK medical graduates are prioritised above other categories of eligible applicants.

EARL HOWE

- 4★ Clause 1, page 1, line 7, at end insert —
- “(2) Nothing in this section shall be taken to negate or override a confirmed offer of a place on a UK Foundation Programme where the offer was made prior to the date on which this Act was first laid as a Bill before Parliament.
- (3) In this section “confirmed offer” means an offer in writing made by a person who has a function of deciding offers of places on a UK Foundation Programme.”

Clause 2

LORD MOHAMMED OF TINSLEY

- 5★ Clause 2, page 1, line 10, leave out “2026” and insert “2027”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment postpones the implementation of the medical specialty training prioritisation requirements by one year, moving the effective date for the mandated offer sequence from 2026 to 2027.

LORD PATEL

- 6★ Clause 2, page 1, line 10, after “must” insert “first”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and others in the name of Lord Patel, seeks to ensure that UK medical graduates are prioritised above other categories of eligible applicants.

LORD PATEL

- 7★ Clause 2, page 1, line 11, at end insert “UK medical graduates, and then to —”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and others in the name of Lord Patel, seeks to ensure that UK medical graduates are prioritised above other categories of eligible applicants.

LORD PATEL

- 8★ Clause 2, page 1, line 12, leave out paragraph (a)

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and others in the name of Lord Patel, seeks to ensure that UK medical graduates are prioritised above other categories of eligible applicants.

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

- 9 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 MOHAMMED OF TINSLEY

- 10★ Clause 2, page 2, line 1, leave out paragraphs (d) and (e) and insert –

“(d) a person who is registered on the NHS Oriel recruitment platform, or
(e) a person who has demonstrated a professional commitment to the National Health Service.”

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

- 11 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 3

LORD PATEL

- 12★** Clause 3, page 2, line 10, after “must” insert “first”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and others in the name of Lord Patel, seeks to ensure that UK medical graduates are prioritised above other categories of eligible applicants.

LORD PATEL

- 13★** Clause 3, page 2, line 11, at end insert “UK medical graduates, and then to —”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and others in the name of Lord Patel, seeks to ensure that UK medical graduates are prioritised above other categories of eligible applicants.

LORD PATEL

- 14★** Clause 3, page 2, line 12, leave out paragraph (a)

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment, and others in the name of Lord Patel, seeks to ensure that UK medical graduates are prioritised above other categories of eligible applicants.

Clause 4

BARONESS GERADA
LORD CLEMENT-JONES
LORD MENDELSON

- 15** 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

16 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

17 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

18 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

19 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.

EARL HOWE

20★ Clause 4, page 3, line 15, at end insert —

“(e) the British Islands, in respect of persons who have spent a majority of their time training for the qualification outside the British Islands.”

EARL HOWE

21★ Clause 4, page 3, line 21, at end insert —

“(7) The appropriate authority may by regulations prescribe a maximum number of persons eligible for inclusion in the category of persons defined by subsection (4)(e).”

After Clause 5

LORD KAMALL

22★ After Clause 5, insert the following new Clause —

“Review: provision of medical training places

- (1) Within six months of the day on which this Act is passed, the Secretary of State must undertake a review of the impact of this Act on the provision of medical training places as part of the UK Foundation Programme and UK specialty training programmes as defined by section 5 of this Act.
- (2) The review under subsection (1) must include assessment of the impact of this Act on —
 - (a) the take-up of places on the UK Foundation Programme and UK specialty training programmes in each calendar year from 2010 to 2025, and
 - (b) the total number of valid applications to the UK Foundation Programme and UK specialty training programmes in each calendar year from 2010 to 2025.

- (3) In undertaking the review under subsection (1), the Secretary of State must consider the number of unsuccessful applicants or successful applicants who decide not to take up their training place.
- (4) Within two months of the completion of the review under subsection 1, the Secretary of State must publish a report including the findings of the review and lay a copy of the report before both Houses of Parliament.”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would require the Secretary of State to undertake a review of the adequacy of provision of medical training places and publish a report detailing the findings of that review.

Clause 7

LORD MOHAMMED OF TINSLEY

23 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

EARL HOWE

LORD MOHAMMED OF TINSLEY

LORD PATEL

24 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

EARL HOWE

LORD MOHAMMED OF TINSLEY

LORD PATEL

25 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

- 26** 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.

LORD KAMALL

- 27★** Clause 8, page 6, line 23, leave out from “on” to end of line 24 and insert “the day on which it is passed”

Member's explanatory statement

This amendment would bring the Act into force on the day on which it receives Royal Assent.

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