

Interview Guide

Introduction and background

Medical career - former country

- * Where did you have your medical education? (Country and city ...)
- * What year did you have your degree?
- * Did you work as a physician in [former country] or elsewhere before coming to Sweden?
- * How many years did you work as a physician?
- * Did you start specialist training in [former country]? (If yes: When? Did you became a specialist? Have you worked as a specialist? Within what? For how long?)
- * Was a general practitioner a specialty in previous countries?

Migration to Sweden

- * What year did you come to Sweden?
- * Why did you leave previous country?

Employment in Sweden

- * What kind of employment do you have? (Temporary position, doctor in specialty training, specialist, other).

The MMI

Getting MMI

- * How long did it take before you started MMI after the CPP?
- * How many MMI position have you applied for?
- * Where did you do your MMI? How did it happen that you did your MMI there?
- * Was it difficult for you to get a MMI position? If yes: In what way was it difficult?

The MMI period

- * How did you experience your MMI?
Did you find that you were able to carry out similar / equivalent work as an MMI physician with a medical degree from Sweden? (Develop if there were any differences ...).
How was the supervisor during your MMI? (Develop ...).
- * How was your contact with other MMI physicians? (Develop ... which other MMI physicians did you have contact with ... (where they educated in Sweden, educated outside the EU ...)).
- * Did you have good unity in the workplace?
- * If you were to sum up your experience of the MMI with five words or two sentences, what would you say? (This can be developed...)

Before the AT exam

- * Have you written similar tests before? If yes, which one(s)? Where? In Sweden or in the country of your medical education or elsewhere? When?
- * How did you prepare for the MMI exam? Was it a good strategy? (Motivate...). What would you do differently? Do you feel you were well prepared?
- * Have you talked about the MMI exam with others?
- * Did the teachers involved in the CPP talk about the MMI exam?
- * Did you talk to your supervisors about the MMI exam?
- * Were you nervous or stressed before the test? If yes: what made you nervous / stressed you?

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The MMI exam

- * When and how many times have you completed the MMI Exam? If unsuccessful at any time: Which part was failed? Subject area? How come you failed?
- * Have you also passed the MMI exam?
- * What did you find was the easiest in the exam?
- * What did you find most difficult?
- * Did you receive enough information to complete the test?
- * Did you understand the information you received? / How was it possible to understand the information on the test?
- * How was the time for taking the exam? Was the time enough or did you need more time? If needed more time: to what, what took time? Did you feel comfortable with the exam when you went?
- * Did you recognize the exam's contents from your MMI period?
- * What would you have needed for better results on the test?

After all, it has been found that participants with a degree from countries outside the EU / EEA receive a lower degree of approved results on the MMI exam in comparison with physicians educated in Sweden.

- * Do you have any idea what this might be?

It is speculated on slightly different reasons why migrated doctors find it harder to pass different tests on the first trial than those trained in the country. What do you think of these explanations: the language; that the type of examination differs from what one is used to; that one cannot use one's entire competence during the MMI; that one does not get the same treatment and working tasks as others?