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AMC launches website for delivering workplace-based assessment resources

The Australian Medical Council (AMC), an independent national standards body for medical education and training, today announced the launch of a website to deliver workplace-based assessment (WBA) resources for assessing doctors' competency and performance in clinical practice.

In Australia and internationally there is a growing interest in the use of workplace-based assessment to assess clinical skills and competence. With the support of the Australian Government Department of Health, the AMC has developed a website to deliver WBA resources for a variety of users: assessors, candidates, WBA program providers, health education institutions and training and development teams. The [WBAonline](http://wbaonline.amc.org.au) website will help AMC-accredited providers of WBA programs to improve and standardise their programs and give AMC candidates a very clear picture of what to expect when undertaking those programs.

The modular format of the website enables users to employ their time to most effect. Website users can complete interactive modules on two popular WBA assessment tools (case-based discussion and multisource feedback), watch videos of effective feedback sessions, or find resources for developing a successful clinical assessment program in the workplace.

The modules on case-based discussion, multisource feedback and giving effective feedback will be of most use to providers of WBA programs who want help in training assessors, while the resources guide module will be of most use to those planning to introduce a WBA program.

Although the resources were developed specifically for existing or potential AMC-accredited providers of WBA assessment programs and AMC candidates undertaking those programs as part of their assessment under the Standard Pathway (workplace-based assessment), they are suitable for adaptation and use by health professions other than medicine.

The AMC would like to acknowledge the support it has received from the Australian Government Department of Health in the development of the workplace-based assessment resources.

The website URL is <http://wbaonline.amc.org.au>. If you have any queries please contact Martin Jagodzki at the AMC via email: wbaonline@amc.org.au or phone: 02 6270 9717.

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