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Doctors Joining The Medical Register



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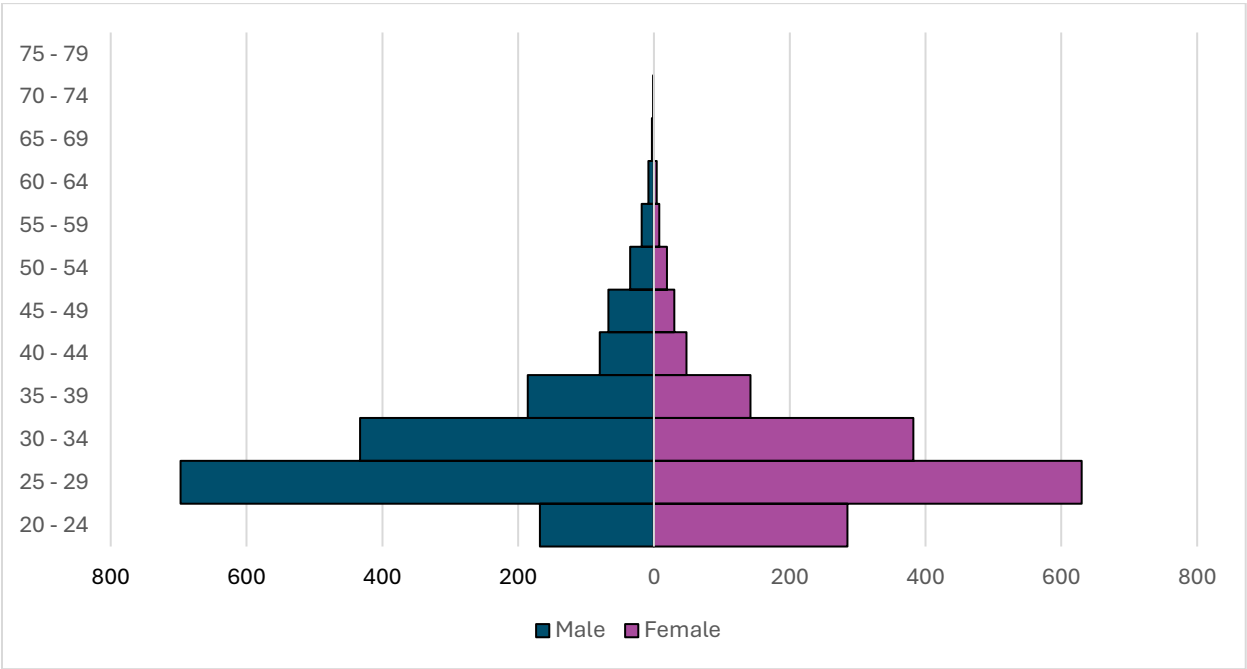
Introduction

This supplementary report provides a brief description of doctors who joined the Medical Council’s Register for the first time (first registered) as well as those who re-joined after a period of not being on the Register (restorals). These two cohorts can be categorised as “joiners” and comprise a total of 3,804 doctors.

First Registered Doctors

3,244 doctors registered for the first time during the calendar year of 2023.¹ The gender breakdown was closely split, with slightly more males (52.3%, $n = 1,696$) than females (47.7%, $n = 1,548$). The mean age of first registered doctors was 30.7 years (SD = 7.0 years), and 80.0% were 34 years of age and younger. A more detailed breakdown of age and gender is shown in Figure 1.

Figure 1. Population Pyramid of First Registered Doctors



¹ 97.3% ($n = 3,155$) of these doctors were still on the Medical Council’s Register at year end.

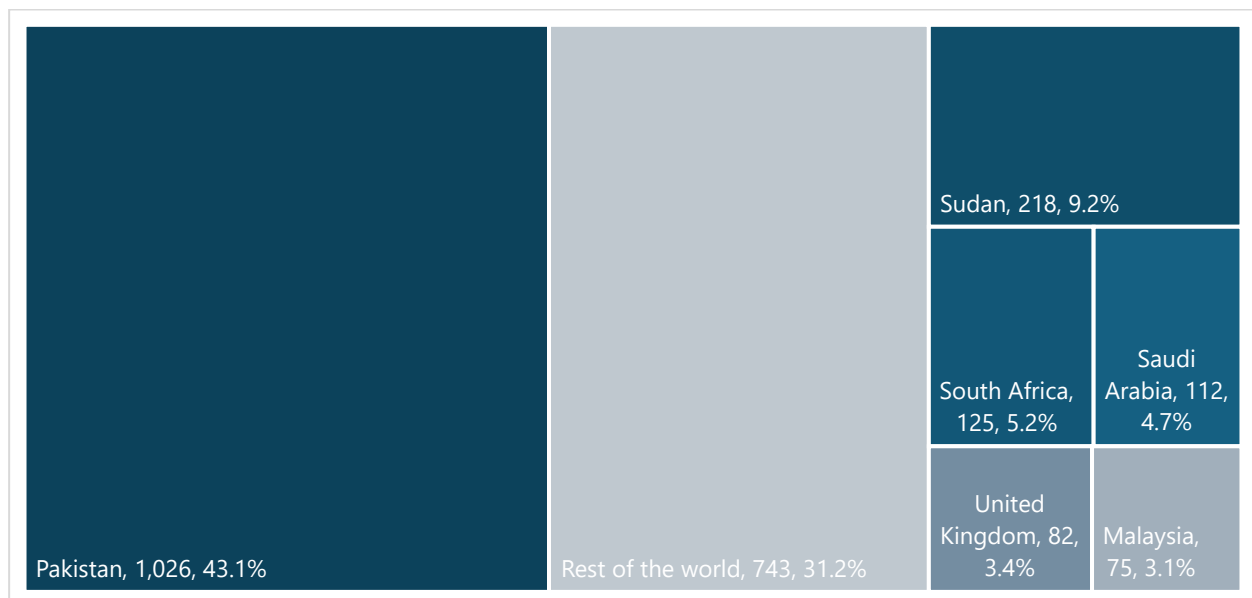
In terms of qualifications, 26.6% ($n = 863$) of doctors obtained their basic medical qualification in Ireland (Table 1 offers more details).

Table 1. Basic Medical Qualification Category of First Registered Doctors

Qualification Category	n	%
Category 1 - Graduates of Irish medical schools	863	26.6
Category 2 - Graduated in a medical school in the EU and are EU Nationals	403	12.4
Category 3 - Graduated in a medical school in the EU (not EU National)	93	2.9
Category 4 - International graduates from a medical school outside the EU, UK and Ireland	1,758	54.2
Category 4 (UK) - International graduates from a medical school in the UK	127	3.9
Total	3,244	100.0

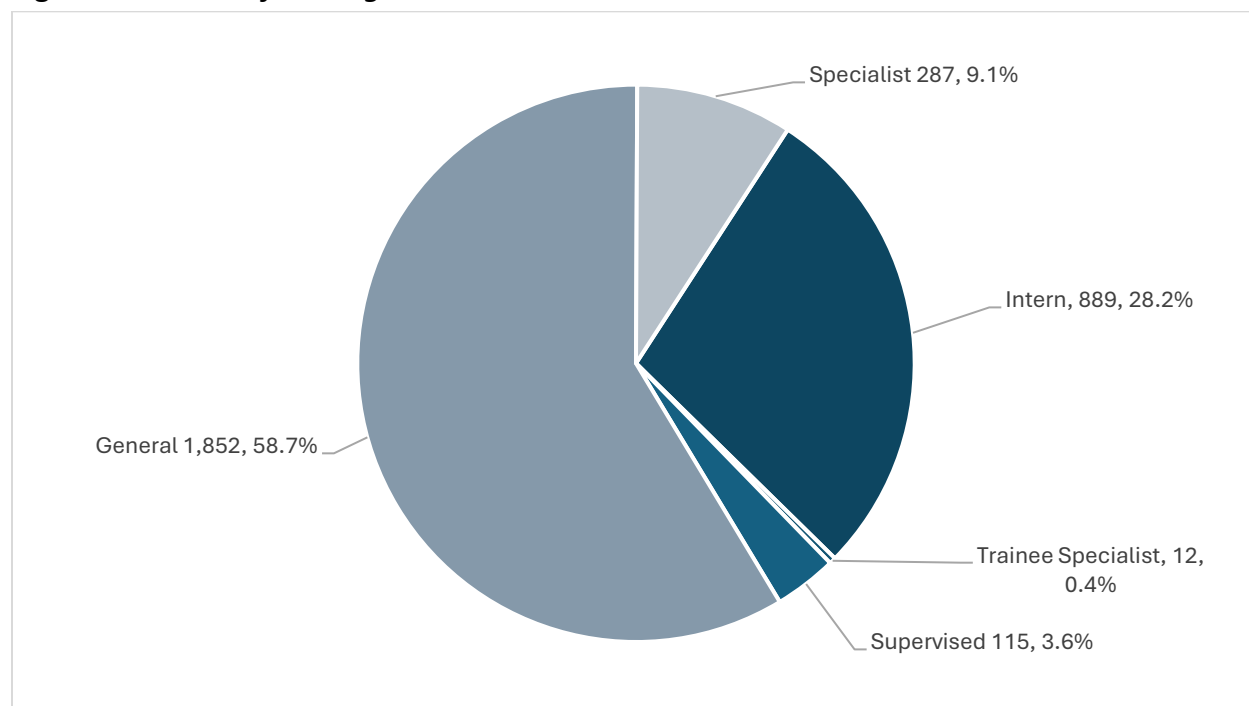
When examining country of birth of first registered doctors who received their basic medical qualification outside of Ireland (international graduates, $n = 2,381$), 43.1% ($n = 1,026$) of doctors were born in Pakistan (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Country of Birth of International Graduates who Registered for the First Time



The majority of these first registered doctors (58.7%, $n = 1,852$) were registered on the General Division at year end, as seen in Figure 3.

Figure 3. Division of the Register at Year End



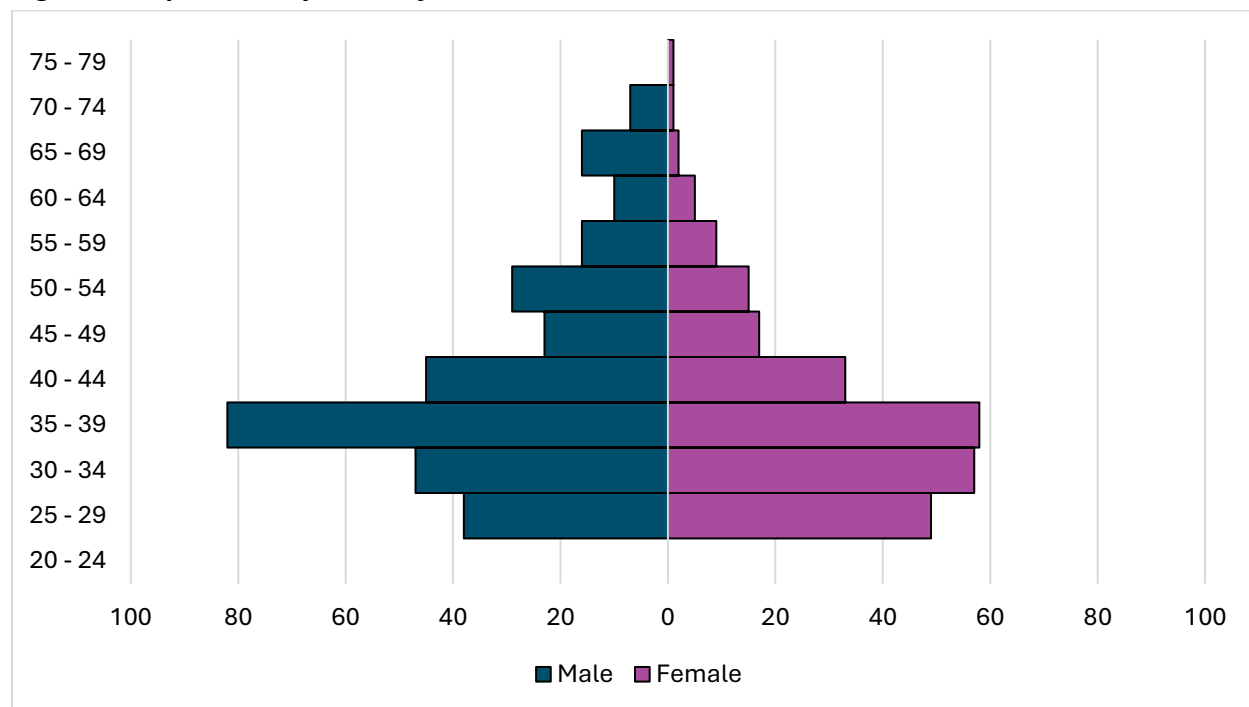
Note. Information on division of the Register was not available for the 89 doctors who registered for the first time in 2023 but were no longer on the Medical Council's Register at year end.

Doctors Restored to the Register

In 2023, 560 doctors restored their place on the Register.² Within this cohort, 55.9% ($n = 313$) were male, and 44.1% ($n = 247$) were female. The average age was 40.1 years (SD = 11.1 years) and 34.1% ($n = 191$) were 34 years of age or younger. More information on age and gender is shown in Figure 4.

² 97.3% ($n = 545$) of these doctors were still on the Medical Council's Register at year end.

Figure 4. Population Pyramid of Restored Doctors



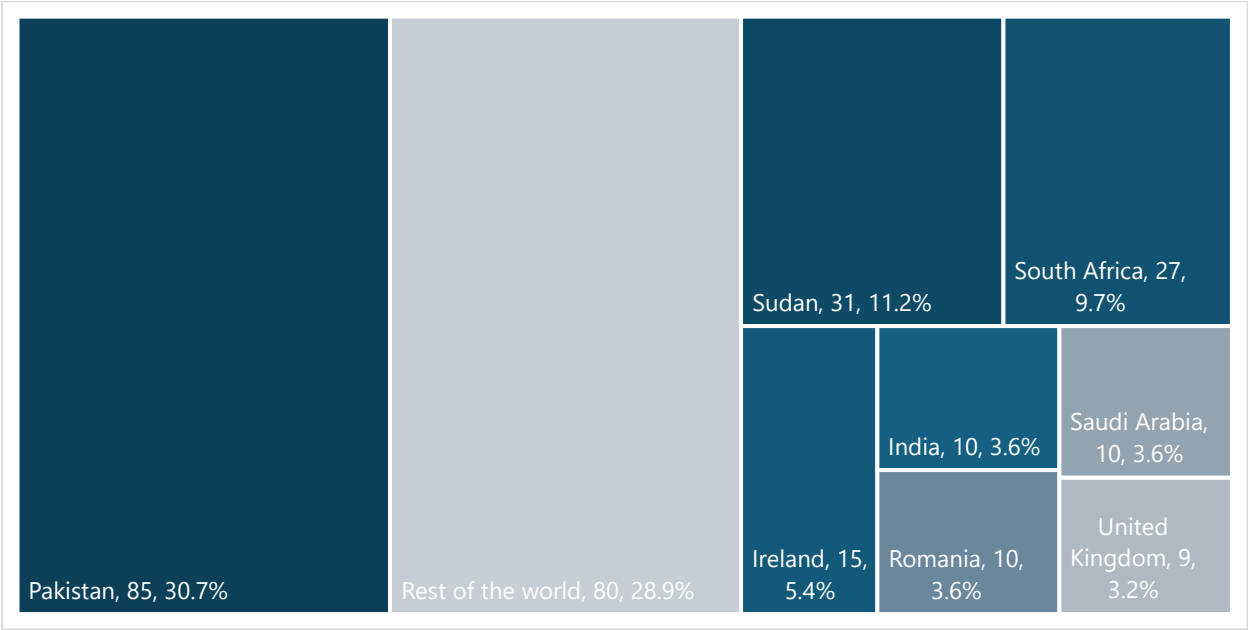
Just over half of doctors restored to the Register (50.5%, $n = 283$) had obtained their basic medical qualification in Ireland (Table 2).

Table 2. Basic Medical Qualification Category of Restored Doctors

Qualification Category	n	%
Category 1 - Graduates of Irish medical schools	283	50.5
Category 2 - Graduated in a medical school in the EU and are EU Nationals	62	11.1
Category 3 - Graduated in a medical school in the EU (not EU National)	25	4.5
Category 4 - International graduates from a medical school outside the EU, UK and Ireland	190	33.9
Total	560	100.0

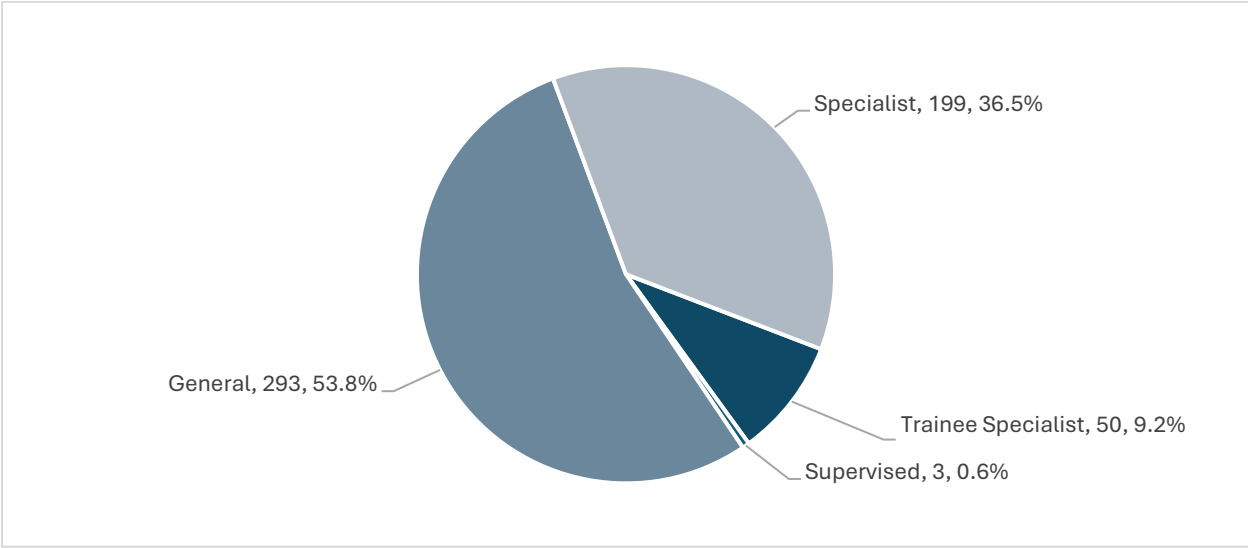
When looking at restored doctors who received their basic medical qualification outside of Ireland (international graduates, $n = 277$) almost one third (30.7%, $n = 85$) were born in Pakistan (Figure 5).

Figure 5. Country of Birth of International Graduates who Restored their Place on the Register



Finally, in relation to the division of the Register at year end 53.8% ($n = 293$) of doctors were registered on the General Division, while 36.5% ($n = 199$) were registered on the Specialist Division (Figure 6).

Figure 6. Division of the Register at Year End



Note. Information on division of the Register was not available for the 15 doctors who restored in 2023 but were no longer on the Medical Council’s Register at year end.

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