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Case Study

Healthcare:

Licensing and Accreditation of Medical Education

Many of the small islands in the Caribbean host what are known as “offshore” medical schools. These are private sector institutions seeking to attract students from North America and elsewhere wanting to become doctors.

The Governments of the British overseas territories of Anguilla and Montserrat, working with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, asked Aron Cronin to advise on how new schools proposing to set up on these islands should be regulated. The requirement was successfully addressed by:

- distinguishing those matters which come under **licensing** [permission by the Government to establish and operate an educational institution] and those under **accreditation** [validation of the qualifications awarded];
- supporting the drafting and refinement of local legislative Acts and related guidance for the oversight of medical schools;
- achieving recognition of CAAM – the Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine – as the official accreditation body.

The work began in 2005 and Aron continues to provide follow-up advice and support as required.