

## Policy

**Subject: Candidates in Training and Sitting Examinations in Countries without College Representation**

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### Training Overseas

Registered Trainees of the College may be permitted to undertake training acceptable for eligibility for Fellowship in institutions in countries without College representation, ie where there is no Regional Councillor or Corresponding Fellow for Training, provided that:

1. The Trainee has commenced training in an accredited training institution
2. Overseas training is prospectively approved
3. Training in a position with observer status will not ordinarily be approved
4. Training is undertaken for a minimum of 20% of a full time clinical load or 8 hours per week in accordance with the Policy 2/2004 'Interrupted and Part Time Training'
5. The Trainee's supervisor will be approved by the Board of Education and Assessment and will normally be a Fellow of the College
6. A prospective training program is submitted annually or for the duration of the appointment if less than one year
7. A supervisor's report is submitted annually or for the duration of the appointment if less than one year
8. The maximum accredited duration of overseas training is determined on an individual basis but will normally be to a maximum of two years.

### Examinations

Registered Trainees and Overseas Trained Specialists are only permitted to sit the Phase I (May) practical and written examinations in designated RCPA examination centres. Phase II examinations are only held at central locations as detailed in the College examination table.