

Regulation

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Rule 18 of the Constitution provides for the Admission of Associates to the College.

The Board of Directors may admit the following persons as Associates of the Company:

University graduates, who have, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, sufficiently distinguished themselves in a field associated with pathology.

The Board of Directors (in accordance with Rule 18.2 of the Constitution) has prescribed this regulation governing procedures for the admission of Associates of the Company, the rights and privileges of Associates of the Company and the admission fee and annual subscription they are required to pay.

For the avoidance of doubt, Associates are not Fellows of the Company and will not be entitled to vote at any general meeting of the Company. Notwithstanding the previous sentence, an Associate will have the rights and privileges set out in Rule 19 and the right to receive notices of and attend and be heard at any general meeting.

Rights and privileges of Associates

Subject to any determinations by the Board of Directors (acting reasonably), Associates of the Company will be entitled to:

- use the facilities of the Company (including the website of the Company);
- become a member of any committee of the Company (other than the Council);
- be admitted to all lectures, seminars, symposia, scientific meetings and demonstrations;
- enjoy like or educational privileges that may from time to time be provided by the Company,

any other rights and privileges determined by the **Board of Directors** from time to time.

Associate Members shall agree to be bound by the code of Ethics of the College and the other policies and procedures of the College, and to comply with the rules of the Constitution as they may be applicable to Associates.

1. Who May Be Eligible

- 1.1 A scientist who has attained the status of "Senior Scientist". For the purpose of identification of such persons the new definition of Clinical Scientist in the 2014 NPAAC

Requirements for Supervision of Medical Pathology Laboratories will be used as a guide. Based on this definition a Scientist eligible for admission as an Associate could be one who:

- **Possesses a degree in science or applied science with subjects relevant to the field of pathology awarded after not less than 3 years full time study, or an equivalent period part time, from a University recognised by the Board of Education and Assessment and**
- **Possesses one of the following qualifications: a Doctorate of Philosophy in a subject relevant to the field of pathology; a Fellowship of the Australasian Association of Clinical Biochemists, Australian Institute of Medical Scientists, Australian Society for Microbiology or Human Genetics Society of Australasia; and**
- **Who has had not less than 10 years full-time experience in laboratory duties and**
- **Is nominated by two Fellows of the College.**

2. A medical graduate who has a specialty qualification in a field other than Pathology but who is actively involved in pathology laboratory medicine or research.

A Medical Practitioner eligible for admission as an Associate could be one who:

- **Possesses a Doctorate in a subject relevant to the field of Pathology from a University recognised by the Board of Education and Assessment or has significant publications and**
- **Who has had not less than 10 years full-time experience in laboratory duties or a distinguished career in an area of medicine related to Pathology**
- **Is nominated by two Fellows of the College.**

3. A medical graduate who has promoted the practice of Pathology over a prolonged period or as the Board of Directors may determine.

2. Entitlements

An Associate would be entitled to:

- Attend all scientific meeting and social activities of the College
- Access the member section of the College website
- Access the Continuing Professional Development Programme of the College
- Access all College publications such as the journal Pathology
- Ability to use post nominal of ARCPA (Associate Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia)

An Associate would not be entitled to vote at any general meeting or extraordinary meeting of the College or any business meeting of Fellows in a State or Division.

3. Fees

Associates must ordinarily pay a fee to the College which shall be set from time to time by the Board of Directors, however there are two options available:

- A fee giving access to general mailings, member website and scientific meetings
- an optional Educational Supplement payable for access to CPDP program and Journal

4. Procedure for Application and Admission

- An application form designed so as to provide all information on the applicant is required for assessment of qualifications and experience against the criteria outlined.
- The form would include names and signature of two Fellows (of the College or the College Faculties) prepared to nominate them.
- The State or Regional Committee of the College, the Advisory Committee Chair and the Board of Directors will review the applications. The Board of Directors may appoint a subcommittee to assist in considering applications and will be free to seek advice from peers experienced in the nominee's field of work and familiar with his or her standing and reputation.
- The decision of the Board of Directors is final. Associates will be invited to the Annual Award Ceremony for presentation of their certificate.

Revocation of admission or removal of rights and privileges of Associates

The Directors (acting reasonably) may make a determination to revoke:

- the admission of an Associate as a member of the College; and/or
- the entitlement of an Associate to some or all of the rights and privileges to which Associates are generally entitled;

where an Associate is found to have breached the Code of Ethics or other College policies and procedures, or the rules of the Constitution as applicable to Associates.