

Policy

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In accordance with Rule 89 of the Constitution of the College, the Board of Directors has established a Board of Education and Assessment for the purpose of inquiring into and testing the qualifications of candidates for membership of the College. The Terms of Reference of the Board of Education and Assessment have been established and approved by the Board of Directors. Within the Terms of Reference, the Board of Directors has delegated to the Board of Education and Assessment the authority to determine for each candidate, the training and examination requirements to attain Fellowship.

Under normal circumstances a candidate for Fellowship will be required to undertake all examinations set down by the Board of Education and Assessment and complete 5 years of training accredited by the College.

In certain circumstances candidates for Fellowship may have undergone training in Australasia in another area of specialty, or in other countries in pathology. In these circumstances the candidates may apply to the Board of Education and Assessment to have a training determination made.

The Board of Education and Assessment has developed a standardised approach to making these determinations and the tables are regularly updated and available on the College website. If a particular qualification is not addressed, the Chief Examiner will seek further information and make a decision based on the advice received.

Any training determination will only apply for a twelve-month period. This is necessary as requirements for training via the normal route may change from time to time. If at the end of this time the candidate has not made formal application for examination or exemption and paid all necessary examination and supervision fees, a further determination will be required.

Application for Training Determination

1. Overseas Trained Specialists seeking a determination apply directly to the College. The fee payable is available on the website. Applicants seeking assessment in more than one discipline are required to pay a separate fee for each discipline.
2. Pathologists with qualifications from countries where the College has training programs will apply to the College to obtain a determination as to exam requirements and training time exemption that would be granted to them for sitting for Fellowship. These pathologists do not need to pay an OTS/IMG application fee but will pay an Initial Registration fee like other Trainees. They will also be required to pay any exam and/or exemption from exam fees and training fees for any additional training required.

Refer to Policy4/2006, "Assessment of Overseas Trained Doctors and Overseas Trained Specialists in Australia and New Zealand for additional information

1. Applicant Requires Further Training and Examinations

In this circumstance the applicant must enrol as a Trainee, work under supervision and pay the normal annual training fees. If the training determination was provided as an Overseas Trained Specialist Assessment and the relevant fee has been paid, the Initial Registration Fee will be waived. Payment will not be required for retrospective accreditation of training.

Even though the Trainee has been given a training determination they will need to, at the time of submitting an application to sit examinations, apply for the particular exemptions they require and pay the appropriate fees for the exams they will be sitting.

Candidates who have completed their required training time but have not passed the examinations will be required to continue to pay the annual training fee and meet the College's requirements for supervision.

2. Applicant Requires no Further Training Time but is Required to Sit Examinations

In this circumstance candidates do not need to enrol formally as Trainees, as they are not undertaking formal training. They will however be required to register with the College and pay the fee set for deferred Trainees to allow them access to normal College mailings and the member section of the College web-site.

If the training determination was provided as an Overseas Trained Specialist Assessment and the relevant fee has been paid, the Initial Registration Fee will be waived. Other applicants will need to pay this initial registration fee as well as the ongoing fee for access to College communications.

All applicants will also be required to have a supervisor nominated in accordance with Policy 11/2002 Supervision of Training.

In this circumstance, even though the training determination has been made, the applicant must formally apply for examination or exemption and pay the relevant fees.

Applicant Withdraws from Examination:

If a candidate has applied for examination and subsequently withdraws, any exemption granted may not apply on subsequent applications.

3. Applicants Deemed Substantially Comparable and may be offered a Peer Assessment Route to Fellowship

In these circumstances applicants will need to register with the College and pay a fee to cover the Peer Assessment process which will be equivalent to a Part II Examination fee.

4. Decide not to Progress with Further Training or Examination

Nil further action.