



RANZCOG Release of Examination Results Policy

Purpose and scope

The purpose of this policy is to outline the manner in which:

- results for RANZCOG examinations are released to examination candidates, and
- candidate examination results and pass rates are released to RANZCOG committees and other individuals.

This policy applies to the results of all RANZCOG written and oral examinations across the following training programs:

- Subspecialties;
- Fellowship of the RANZCOG (FRANZCOG);
- Diploma of the RANZCOG (DRANZCOG);
- DRANZCOG Advanced;
- Certificate of Women's Health (CWH); and
- CWH upgrade to DRANZCOG.

1. Background

The College recognises that any candidate's examination result is private information and is subject to the RANZCOG Privacy Policy. The College also recognises that this information is of assistance to those individuals and groups who support trainees and are responsible for the implementation of training programs.

Release of a candidate's result to their training supervisor and relevant committee(s) enables the College to provide better support to a trainee as they progress through the training program. This is addressed by the Australian Medical Council (AMC) Accreditation Standard. 5.3. The education provider informs its supervisors of the assessment performance of the trainees for whom they are responsible.

As such, individual trainee pass/fail results are provided to the relevant training supervisor and committee(s) that oversee their training: Regional Training Accreditation Committee, SIMG Assessment Committee, Subspecialty Committees and the Subspecialties Committee.

The pass rates of FRANZCOG examination candidates grouped according to regional and SIMG cohorts are provided to Regional Training Accreditation Committees and the SIMG Assessment Committee. This enables these committees to assess the performance of their trainees against the entire cohort of examination candidates in order to review and improve the educational program(s) they offer.

The College also uses candidate examination performance data for the purposes of program improvement and the development of educational opportunities for all trainees.

The College is required to provide examination data including pass/fail rates annually to the AMC and the Medical Training Review Panel (MTRP) as required.

2. Confidentiality

Any individual candidate examination results released to the RANZCOG Board and Council, Education and Assessment Committee (EAC), Progress Review Committee (PRC), Examination

Coordinators, Regional Training Accreditation Committees, training supervisors, Subspecialties Committee, Subspecialty Committees, SIMG Assessment Committee and College staff remain confidential and are not to be released to any other individual(s), other than those provided for within this policy.

3. Policy

It is the policy of the College that the release of trainee examination results is managed in accordance with this policy.

4. Procedures

4.1 Release to candidates

Candidates are given their pass/fail result and depending on the examination they have attempted, the relationship of their examination score to the examination passing mark and/or feedback on their performance in:

- topic areas for Multiple Choice Examinations (% questions correctly answered)
- questions for Short Answer Question Examinations (MAPS status)
- stations for Oral Examinations (MAPS status)

4.2 Release to training supervisors

FRANZCOG Training Supervisors and Subspecialty Supervisors are provided with their trainee’s examination result (pass/fail and attempt number) and feedback on their examination performance. CWH/DRANZCOG/DRANZCOG Advanced Training Supervisors are provided with their trainee’s examination result (pass/fail and attempt number).

4.3 Release to committees

Candidate examination results (pass/fail and attempt number) are provided to the relevant committee overseeing their training:

Subspecialties Committee	Trainees in their Subspecialty
State/Regional Training Accreditation Committee	FRANZCOG trainees in their state/region
SIMG Assessment Committee	SIMG trainees

The pass rates of the CWH, CWH upgrade to DRANZCOG and the DRANZCOG Written Examinations and the DRANZCOG Advanced Oral Examination are provided to the Training, Accreditation and Recertification (TAR) Subcommittee of the CCDOG (Conjoint Committee for the Diploma of Obstetrics and Gynaecology).

4.4 Release to RANZCOG Board, Council and Education and Assessment Committee (EAC)

The RANZCOG Board and the Education and Assessment Committee are provided with de-identified data listing the pass/fail results of Subspecialties, FRANZCOG and CWH/DRANZCOG/DRANZCOG Advanced candidates.

The RANZCOG Board and Council and the Education and Assessment Committee are provided with the name of the highest scoring candidate in each FRANZCOG and CWH/DRANZCOG/DRANZCOG Advanced examination.

4.5 Longitudinal data

On an annual basis, the EAC, Regional Training Accreditation Committees and SIMG Assessment Committee are provided the pass rates for the FRANZCOG Oral and Written Examinations for all cohorts for the previous five year period.

4.6 Access to candidate examination records for internal College processes

Trainees' ePortfolio records, including examination results, may be used for internal College processes, such as Subspecialty National Selection purposes and the Progress Review Committee.

4.7 Release of examination data to regulatory authorities

Data showing the pass rates for RANZCOG examinations is provided annually to the AMC for the AMC Reaccreditation Report. Due to the relatively low numbers of trainees involved in the Subspecialty training programs, only the pass rate for the Subspecialty examinations for the preceding five year period is presented to the AMC.

The proportion of Australian candidates passing the FRANZCOG Oral and Written Examinations is provided for the MTRP report on an annual basis.

5. Notifications

All trainees are advised of the intention to release examination data in line with and according to this policy. Any examination candidate who has a complaint or concern regarding the operation of this policy should contact the College's Privacy Officer, in accordance with the RANZCOG Privacy Policy.

6. Related RANZCOG documents

- RANZCOG Privacy Policy
- Trainees' Statement of Understanding

Revision ID	3
Policy Owner	Director of Education and Training
Policy Approved By	RANZCOG Board, March 2017
Review of Policy	As required or no later than March 2020