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**From:** RANZCOG Training Services  
**Subject:** Changes to FRANZCOG training year dates in NZ



## Changes to FRANZCOG training year dates in New Zealand

In line with the changes made by the New Zealand District Health Boards, RANZCOG will be implementing changes to the FRANZCOG training year and trainee rotation dates.

Under the current training calendar second semester, 2020 ends on 13 December 2020. Effective from this date, RANZCOG will be aligning the FRANZCOG Training year with the New Zealand as per DHB rotation dates.

The amended semester dates for FRANZCOG trainees will be as follows:

- **Semester 1, 2021:** 1 February 2021 – 1 August 2021
- **Semester 2, 2021:** 2 August 2021 – 30 January 2022

The FRANZCOG training year will continue to be from February to February.

It is acknowledged that the period of 13 December 2020 to 31 January is one of transition and special circumstances are required. The College endeavours to support trainees and ensure that any impact is minimised. Individual arrangements can be addressed on a case-by-case basis and considered by the Chair of the NZ Training Accreditation Committee (TAC), Dr Sarah Tout.

### **Administrative requirements for transition and semester one, 2021**

In line with Regulations, all training must be prospectively approved and satisfactorily assessed in order to be credited. RANZCOG has put in place arrangements to ensure trainees can meet these requirements in accordance with their own employment and individual situations.

1. **Prospective Approval** - In order to ensure that training is approved for the transition period (13 Dec 2020 – 31 Jan 2021), a Prospective Approval (PA) form in [My.RANZCOG](#) will be required depending on the circumstances of your employment:

- *Trainees who continue at the same site as semester two, 2020* – Your currently approved PA for semester two, 2020 will be amended to end on 31 January 2021 (and include the seven-week transition period). A new PA will be required for Semester 1, 2021 as per normal.
- *Trainees who commence at their new 2021 site from 13 December 2020* – A new PA form must be submitted to cover the seven-week transition period *and* semester 1, 2021 (14 December 2020 to 1 August 2021), **no later than 16 November 2020**.

**Please do not submit Prospective Approval forms at this time.** Notification and instructions will be sent once arrangements are in place in *My.RANZCOG*.

2. **Notification of intention** – To ensure that arrangements can be made it is *essential* that *all* New Zealand Trainees inform the College of arrangements via the [online form](#) **no later than 9 October 2020**

3. **Assessment and crediting of time** - Training will be credited as per the normal Six-Monthly Summative Assessment process on [My.RANZCOG](#), and as follows:

- *Trainees who continue at the same site as semester two, 2020* – The transition period will be assessed as part of your semester two, 2020 Six-Monthly Summative Assessment.
- *Trainees who commence at their new 2021 site from 13 December 2020* – The transition period will be credited as part of the semester one, 2021 Six-Monthly Summative Assessment.

Arrangements outside of the above scenarios, including proposals for extended leave, will be considered individually. Trainees should contact the NZ RANZCOG office at [nztraining@ranzcog.org.nz](mailto:nztraining@ranzcog.org.nz)

**Important:** *all arrangements must be prospectively approved. Any arrangements not approved by the NZ TAC Chair prior to commencement of the period risk penalty and/or loss of credit in line with relevant regulations.*

Crediting of the seven-week transition period will be independent, and in addition, to the 46 week per year cap in 2020 or 2021.

RANZCOG has been informed that the DHBs will endeavour to extend either 2020 or 2021 contracts to cover the transition period and ensure that training sites are appropriately staffed during this time. While we understand that this may cause some inconvenience, it is imperative that trainees continue to practice the upmost professionalism and continue to ensure that priority is to provide consistent care to patients throughout this time.

Please be aware that these changes relate only to training semester dates and not the planned ITP rotation locations. The hospital/training site(s) in place for your next rotation are not expected to change.

RANZCOG reminds trainees that employment arrangements including contracts are the responsibility of the trainee and DHBs. It is expected that you will be notified directly by the DHBs regarding arrangements. Please ensure once these arrangements have been made that you inform the College to ensure you do not jeopardise your training.

**Information relating to FRANZCOG Training year dates can be found on the [College website](#).**

**Should you have any questions relating to the changed training year please contact the New Zealand RANZCOG office on [nztraining@ranzcoq.org.nz](mailto:nztraining@ranzcoq.org.nz)**

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