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Assessment of competency

RANZCOG occasionally receives a request from a Medical Board/ Medical Council or health complaints body to assess the competence or review aspects of the practice of a RANZCOG Trainee, Fellow, Diplomate, Certificant or Specialist International Medical Graduate (SIMG). This document explains how such requests must be made and outlines how the request will be processed.

RANZCOG Assessment of competency policy

The RANZCOG Board has resolved that reviews of competence are currently outside the mandate of the College as a training and professional development body. However, the College may be involved in the assessment of competence or review of practice of a RANZCOG Trainee, Fellow, Diplomate, Certificant or SIMG upon request.

Requests to assess the competence or review aspects of practice of a Fellow, Diplomate or Certificant may come from:

- J Regional Health Authorities
- J Medical Boards
- J Medical Councils or
- J Health Complaints Bodies

Requests must be made in writing to the RANZCOG President who will manage the request through the Office of the President and CEO. The Chief Executive Officer will liaise with the body making the request.

Liaison with the body requesting the assessment or review is intended to ensure that RANZCOG members approached to participate in such activities, do not have a conflict of interest and possess the appropriate background and experience. It is important that the requesting body and RANZCOG member(s) are aware of the relationships existing between the parties involved; i.e. the member(s) who will be undertaking the assessment/review will be doing so independently of the College, with remuneration and indemnity arrangements negotiated by the member(s) and the requesting body to the satisfaction of both parties. It is essential that indemnity arrangements and / or qualified privilege / statutory immunity cover are in place for College members involved in the assessment process.

All requests for assessment of competence or to review aspects of practice that are made by other bodies or individuals will be referred to the appropriate Medical Board, Medical Council or health complaints body.

Associated statements

Re-entry guidelines following a prolonged period of absence from practice and retraining programs for Fellows. (WPI 13)

https://www.ranzcog.edu.au/RANZCOG_SITE/media/RANZCOG-MEDIA/Women%27s%20Health/Statement%20and%20guidelines/Clinical%20-%20General/C-Gen_9_Assessment_of_Competency_Review_Sep_1.pdf?ext=.pdf

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The statement has been prepared having regard to general circumstances. It is the responsibility of each Practitioner to have regard to the particular circumstances of each case, and the application of this statement in each case. In particular, clinical management must always be responsive to the needs of the individual patient and the particular circumstances of each case.

This College statement has been prepared having regard to the information available at the time of its preparation, and each Practitioner must have regard to relevant information, research or material which may have been published or become available subsequently.

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