

Nomenclature Change – FAQs

Q: I received my DRANZCOG Adv in September 2023, do I need to have another certificate reissued with new letters?

A: No, Any Diplomas and Advanced Diplomas awarded before the nomenclature change can use the same postnominals, logo and title, there is no restriction on you using your title or post nominals in a professional setting. To avoid duplication and double handling of multiple streams and groups for what is effectively the same membership cohort,

RANZCOG will refer to Diplomates, Advanced Diplomates and the new Associate Members as Associates.

Therefore communications addressed to RANZCOG Associate (Adv Procedural) members will be referring to you.

Q: Can I still access my Certificate and Letter of Participation with my DRANZCOG Adv information?

A: Yes, Existing Diplomates as of 31st December 2023, will be able to access their Certificate and Letter of Participation from the CPD Integrate portal that will each specify Diploma or Advanced Diploma.

Q: How will the changes affect the progress of rural generalist status registration?

A: The change of name from Diploma to Associate Training (Procedural) and Associate Training (Adv. Procedural) on the Certificate has not impacted the quality of the training program and communications have been sent to all hospitals informing them of this change.

Q: Do existing Diplomates need to change their postnominal?

A: Existing Diplomates and Adv. Diplomates are able to continue to use their existing postnominals, title and logo.

Q: Why don't you just affiliate with a university?

A: Like all other Colleges, we considered multiple options before arriving at this decision. Affiliating with a university presented ongoing accreditation and audit requirements, as well as significant administrative and operational costs, which would have been passed on to the membership. We believed that this would be an unfair

imposition, particularly to accredit programs that have an existing and a strong reputation.

Q. I completed my exam and Logbook late last year and have just applied for my certificate. Will my certificate say “Diploma” and what will be the date on the certificate?

A: Despite finishing the training program requirements last year, completion of your training will be reviewed and approved by the CCAPT in February 2024.

You will receive the new qualification that will specify Associate Training Procedural or Associate Training (Adv Procedural), dated with the date of CCAPT approval.

Q: How will this impact employment and credentialling requirements? Are the hospitals aware of these changes?

A: We have communicated with hospitals and other medical colleges to inform them of this change. We have invited hospitals to meet with us and discuss any concerns. Our communications have also reaffirmed the absolute equivalency between the previous programs / nomenclature and the current ones. As we have mentioned in previous communications, the curriculum, and the quality of training and assessment remain the same. We are also in discussions with DOHA to ensure they are communicating this in their interactions with hospitals and jurisdictions.

To meet hospital credentialling requirements, Certificates must be supported by a current CPD Compliance Statement that can be downloaded from the CPD Integrate portal.

Q: How does the change impact medical indemnity or medico-legal support?

A: We are in contact with the leading MDOs to notify them of the nomenclature changes and equivalency between the old and new programs. We have received feedback that generally, the nomenclature change does not have an adverse impact. We cannot provide specific indemnity or medico-legal advice and encourage you to speak to your provider on any specific requirements.