



Ophthalmologist of Eminence

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1. Purpose and scope

This policy outlines the process by which an international ophthalmologist is assessed for admission to RANZCO Fellowship as an Ophthalmologist of Eminence. This process is done outside the standard Specialist International Medical Graduate (SIMG) pathway.

2. Admission to the College Fellowship as an Ophthalmologist of Eminence

2.1. Assessment of Ophthalmologist of Eminence

An international ophthalmologist may be considered for admission as a Fellow according to Clause 6 of the RANZCO Constitution and Paragraph 3.2(b)(ii) of the RANZCO By-Law: Membership, Council and Governance. In order to be considered for admission as an Ophthalmologist of Eminence an application must:

- a) Be a written submission outlining the reasons the applicant is eligible for consideration under this category
- b) Be accompanied by the following documents:
 - a. The CV of the nominee, including:
 - i. A list of positions previously held and currently occupied
 - ii. A list of professional publications
 - iii. A statement of any editorial positions occupied
 - iv. A statement of any academic awards, prizes or lectureships received
 - b. A statement of proposed career path or appointments
 - c. Certified copies of nominee qualifications
 - d. Written reports from 3 referees of which two must be from Fellows of RANZCO who personally know the nominee and can testify to their competence and good character. The references must include comment on the applicant's clinical work.
- c) Any other material the RANZCO Board may request

Nominations received under this category shall be received by RANZCO Membership Services, and when verified as correct they will be considered by the RANZCO Board. The Board will assess the nomination based on the criteria set out in Section 2.2 of this Policy, and make a decision accordingly. When the application is considered appropriate for admission as a Fellow the Board will make a recommendation to the RANZCO Council. All decisions of the Board in relation to admission of Ophthalmologists of Eminence are final and are NOT subject to appeal under any RANZCO policies.

2.2. Criteria for Eligibility

The RANZCO Board will assess each nominations based on the following criteria, as well as other significant achievements which may be taken into account.

Nominations will be considered individually and the nominee may not be required to meet all aspects of the criteria:

- a) Author/Editor of a relevant textbook widely recognized in Australia/New Zealand.
- b) Author of a number of significant papers in peer reviewed literature (first author of a substantial proportion).
- c) Past or present editor of Institute for Scientific Information (ISI) journals and/or member of the Editorial Board of at least two such journals.
- d) Current holder of an overseas professional appointment in a medical school/university recognized by the College or a successful applicant to an Australian/New Zealand professional post.
- e) Recipient of an academic prize/medal from a major ophthalmological society.
- f) Deliverer of a named lecture at a major ophthalmological society meeting.

Nominees who do not qualify for consideration as an Ophthalmologist of Eminence may be eligible to apply for specialist recognition in Australia or New Zealand by the Specialist International Medical Graduate (SIMG) pathway.

3. Related Documents

RANZCO Constitution

RANZCO By Law: Membership, Council and Governance

RANZCO By Law: Reconsideration, Review and Appeals

SIMG Application Policy

4. Record of Amendments

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