



Temporary Training Registrar (TTR)

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1. Purpose and scope

1.1 Background

With the changing demographics of the Ophthalmology workforce there are increasing numbers of accredited training posts being unfilled by a trainee due to Interrupted Training.

The impact of this is twofold:

- i. There is a time delay in the graduation of the trainees on interrupted training hence a reduction in workforce growth.
- ii. Training opportunities are being missed in accredited training posts.

The Temporary Training Registrar (TTR) position has been established to provide the doctors relieving for trainees who are on interrupted training, the opportunity to have their training time in a RANZCO accredited training post accredited as recognition of prior learning should they be appointed to the training program the following year.

1.2 The purpose of the Temporary Training Registrar policy is:

To define the requirements that a Temporary Training Registrar must meet.

2. Eligibility Criteria

2.1 The doctors appointed to relieve in an accredited training post must have been through the full Vocational Training Program application and selection process and have been interviewed and ranked by the network for the following training year in which they will undertake the TTR position.

3. Conditions

3.1 A person appointed to a TTR position is required to abide by the following:

- RANZCO Privacy Policy available at www.ranzco.edu
- RANZCO Professional Code of Conduct available at www.ranzco.edu

3.2 A person appointed to a TTR position understands the following:

- that this position carries no endorsement for further advancement, traineeship, selection or other benefit.
- that this position is not an appointment as a Trainee on the RANZCO Vocational Training Program (VTP).
- The training post continues to meet the requirements of the College training post standards.

- That in the case of a maternity relief position the trainee may return to their position at any time and that, should this occur the position will cease as a TTR position.
- All relevant fees have been paid as per point 6 in this policy.

4. Eligibility for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)

4.1 A person appointed to a TTR position is required to meet all of the following in order to apply for Recognition of Prior Learning:

- Pass COPEM (Module 1). *Note: COPEM Module 1 can only be sat within 3 months prior to commencement of training as a Temporary Training Registrar.*
- Pass (COPEM Module 2) within the first 3 months of training and submit the Core Induction Standards Assessment Record and the Pre-Surgical Assessment Record.
- Sit the Anatomy examination at the first opportunity provided by RANZCO.
- Submit to the College satisfactory VTP work based assessments consisting of:
 - o End of Term Formative Assessment
 - o One theatre report for each month of each term
 - o Ensure their RANZCO online Surgical logbook is up to date
- Pay RANZCO invoiced fees.
- Formally apply and be accepted onto the VTP.
- Formally apply to the Censor-in-Chief for recognition of prior learning should you be advised that you are accepted onto the VTP for the next training year.

5. Items included in Recognition of Prior Learning

5.1 For a TTR who is selected on to the VTP for the following training year in which they undertook the TTR position, the following items can be included in their application for RPL:

- i. Training time while they are in a TTR position and meet all VTP requirements.
- ii. All examinations sat and passed. The number of attempts of examinations will also be recognized.

5.2 For an applicant who has been selected onto the VTP and has been a TTR up to three (3) years prior to being selected, all examinations sat and passed can be included in their application for RPL. The number of attempts of examinations will also be recognized.

5.3 For an RPL application under point 5.2 to be considered the following criteria needs to be met:

- i. Candidate must have held the position of TTR in a period of no more than 3 years prior to being selected onto the Vocational Training Program.
- ii. Candidate must have worked in Ophthalmology at least 50% of the time in the 3 years for continuity of knowledge (evidence will need to be provided with the application).

6. Finances

College training fees are payable by the appointee equal to a full trainee associate member but pro-rata according to the length of time employed in the accredited training posts.

Full exam fees are payable for each of the exams attempted.

7. Related Documents

- Temporary Training Registrar Registration Form
- RANZCO Examination Policy
- RANZCO Appeals Policy

8. Record of Amendments

Page	Details of amendment	Date approved
3-4	Updated 5.2 and 5.3 to detail acceptable criteria to be considered within an RPL application.	10/10/2016 (QEC)