TRAINING NETWORK INFORMATION

The Selection Committee of each training network is solely responsible for making employment decisions. RANZCO supports this process through circulating a final pool list for decision on ranking against local network requirements. Training networks maintain autonomy to emphasise or minimise the weightings that the Selection Panel has used to create the pool and conduct their own selection process including speaking with referees and local interview (if required).

NEW SOUTH WALES

The New South Wales (NSW) training network is composed of the Sydney Eye Hospital (SEH) and the Prince of Wales Hospital (POWH) network programs.

The SEH network program may include rotations at Bankstown-Lidcombe Hospital, Canberra Hospital, Concord Hospital, Gosford & Wyong Eye Surgery (private), Lismore Base Hospital, Liverpool Hospital, Northern Sydney (private), Port Macquarie Base Hospital, Royal North Shore Hospital, St George Clinic, St Vincent's Public & Private Hospitals, Sydney Eye Hospital, The Children's Hospital Westmead, The Royal Prince Alfred Hospital, Wagga Wagga Base Hospital, Western Sydney Paediatric (private), Westmead Hospital, Royal Darwin Hospital, Hobart Eye Surgeons (private), and Royal Hobart Hospital.

The POWH network program is based at Prince of Wales Hospital with rotations to Sydney Children’s Hospital, Sutherland Hospital, Broken Hill Base Hospital and the Outback Eye Service (including Bourke, Lightning Ridge, and others). For POWH terms, the work location includes Sydney Eye Hospital for additional operating theatres. The program offers comprehensive ophthalmology training including all subspecialty clinics in a tertiary referral hospital setting as part of a wider education campus (University of New South Wales). The structure of the training program with a smaller team ensures rotation through all terms. Accredited training is available for four years plus an optional fifth year upon application.

A separate employment application is required by NSW Health. For more information on employment application, please visit the NSW Health website.

VICTORIA

The Victorian program is based at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital (RVEEH), with rotations to peripheral general hospitals co-ordinated by administration at RVEEH. Victoria is able to provide a comprehensive exposure to all areas of clinical ophthalmology over the four years of the VTP and is able to offer sub-specialty fellowship or senior registrar positions to suitable candidates in 5th year. For more information, please visit the RVEEH website.

QUEENSLAND

A separate employment application is required by Queensland Health. For more information on employment application, please visit the Qld Health website.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA

Applicants will be required when completing your RANZCO online registration form to select the training networks to which you intend applying to. This action submits an expression of interest to the network. No other employment application is required for South Australia. For more information, please visit the SA Health website.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Applicants will be required when completing your RANZCO online registration form to select the training networks to which you intend applying to. This action submits an expression of interest to the network. No further employment application will be required for the WA Training Network. For more information, please visit the WA Health website.

NEW ZEALAND

The New Zealand training network is a nationwide network. Posts are in five main centres of Dunedin, Christchurch, Wellington, Hamilton, and Auckland. Five provincial centres also have training posts: Rotorua, Tauranga, Nelson, Hawkes Bay, and Palmerston North.

During the first four years of the VTP, trainees will be placed at two different main centres and at least one provincial centre, not necessarily in the same island. This will expose them to a comprehensive ophthalmology experience to prepare them to be a consultant in New Zealand.

Specialty training in New Zealand is substantially funded by Health Workforce New Zealand (HWNZ), but only for New Zealand citizens and permanent residents. This funding restriction affects the employing hospitals, encouraging them to offer training post positions to New Zealand permanent residents or citizens.

Fifth-year training posts do not receive HWNZ funding and RANZCO trainees from Australia and New Zealand are welcome to apply. Please contact the college for a contact list of hospitals and sub-specialties positions offered for fifth-year trainees in New Zealand.