

INFORMATION SHEET for SPECIALIST INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL GRADUATES (SIMGs):

PERIOD OF SUPERVISED PRACTICE/UPSKILLING

Purpose: this document outlines the guidelines for a Specialist International Medical Graduate (SIMG) undertaking a Period of Supervised Practice/Up-skilling as a further requirement of their Specialist Recognition assessment.

All applicants for specialist recognition determined as **Partially Comparable** must undertake a Period of Supervised Practice. During this period of up to 24 months, the applicant will undertake upskilling with associated assessment under a supervisor(s) approved by RANZCO. This Period of Supervised Practice should be undertaken in an Australian public hospital with work performance reviewed every three (3) months.

In addition, applicants may be required to sit the Clinical component of the RANZCO Advanced Clinical Examination (RACE). The RACE Clinical examination must be attempted at the first available sitting after completion of the Period of Supervised Practice.

RANZCO will determine which combinations of these further requirements will be undertaken by the SIMG applicant. The MBA Report 1 will be submitted outlining the further requirements and the required timeframe for completion.

Once the further requirements have been completed there are two possible outcomes:

- 1) The applicant is determined Not Comparable.
- 2) The applicant is determined Substantially Comparable.

Information about Period of Supervised Practice/Up-skilling:

The Period of Supervised Practice/Up-skilling can be for any time period up to 24 months. It is at the discretion of the SIMG Committee to determine the required length of Supervised Practice.

RANZCO is not involved in the organisation of possible training positions. It is the responsibility of the SIMG to seek and confirm a training position.

Period of Supervised Practice should be of a general ophthalmic nature with a focus on upskilling areas of deficiency identified by the SIMG Committee. It is recommended that a significant portion of this training should be undertaken in an Australian public hospital, as



this will be beneficial for applicants when preparing for further requirements such as sitting the RACE.

RANZCO will request reports from an SIMG undertaking a Period of Supervised Practice/Upskilling and information on the format of those reports will be provided to the applicant.

To enquire about available positions in Australian hospitals applicants should contact them directly.

**SIMG Committee
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