



Processes Outside of the MBA's Specialist Pathway

RANZCO may conduct the assessment, or training, of SIMGs in the processes outlined below. The successful completion of each leads to eligibility to apply for Fellowship of RANZCO (FRANZCO) and with it the recommendation to the MBA for specialist registration in Australia.

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. Nominations will be considered individually and the nominee may not be required to meet all aspects of the criteria set out in the [Ophthalmologist of Eminence Policy](#).

Australian and New Zealand Medical Graduates with Overseas Specialist Qualifications

Although not eligible to enter the MBA's Specialist Pathway, SIMGs who have obtained a primary medical degree within Australia or New Zealand are assessed by RANZCO under the same process as Specialist Recognition applicants. For further information see:

[RANZCO Fellowship Eligibility: Australian and New Zealand Medical Graduates with Overseas Specialist Qualifications](#)

[Specialist Recognition Assessment](#)

Ophthalmologists Assessed by the Medical Council of New Zealand

SIMGs who have been granted Vocational Registration within the scope of Ophthalmology by the Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ) may apply for FRANZCO. Applicants are assessed by RANZCO under the same process as Specialist Recognition applicants. For further information see:

[RANZCO Fellowship Eligibility: Ophthalmologists Assessed by the Medical Council of New Zealand](#)

[Specialist Recognition Assessment](#)

Vocational Training Program

RANZCO's [Vocational Training Program \(VTP\)](#) trains doctors to become specialist ophthalmologists in Australia and New Zealand. International Medical Graduates (IMGs) may apply to enter, however all applicants to the VTP must first meet the [eligibility criteria](#) and undergo the process of Selection. The VTP must be completed from start to finish. Despite any applicant's previous training, qualifications or experience there is no option for exclusion from any part of the VTP.

Please email img@ranzco.edu if you have further questions regarding specialist assessment.