

SPECIALIST PATHWAY: SPECIALIST RECOGNITION ASSESSMENT

The SIMG must first confirm their eligibility to enter the Specialist Pathway as per the [AMC](#), then apply for Primary Source Verification of their medical qualifications (primary and specialist qualification).

The SIMG submits a completed [online](#) application for Specialist Recognition Assessment to RANZCO, including all the required documents and payment of the assessment fee.

Incomplete applications will result in delays to the assessment. Applications not completed within 3 months will be returned to the applicant.

RANZCO confirms receipt of the application via email. Should any documents be missing, the applicant will be advised. Once the applicant has submitted their online application, their referees will receive a link to the online reference form. It is therefore expected that the references will be submitted by the referees in the weeks following an application.

Once the application is complete RANZCO will start the Specialist Recognition Assessment process, please see the [SIMG Guide](#) for detailed information about the process and timelines.

The SIMG is kept updated on the progress of their application and any required assessment tasks throughout the entire process.

Upon completion of the Specialist Recognition Assessment process the SIMG, MBA & AMC are notified of the outcome. SIMGs determined as '[Substantially Comparable](#)' who have completed the Further Requirements satisfactory are then eligible to apply to the MBA for Specialist Registration and may be invited to apply for Fellowship of RANZCO.

SPECIALIST PATHWAY: CONCURRENT SPECIALIST RECOGNITION AND AREA OF NEED ASSESSMENT

The Employer applies to the relevant State Health Authority to have a specific position declared as an AoN

Once declared an AoN the employer may offer this position to an SIMG (after the relevant application/selection process)

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Should any documents be missing the applicant will be advised. Once the applicant has submitted their online application, their referees will receive a link to the online reference form. It is therefore expected that the references will be submitted by the referees in the weeks following an application.

Once the application is complete RANZCO will start the Specialist Recognition and Area of Need Assessment process, please see the **SIMG Guide** for detailed information about the process and timelines.

The AoN Assessment is conducted following the Interview stage for all SIMG applicants determined as either **'Substantially Comparable'** or **'Partially Comparable'** SIMGs determined suitable for an AoN position are then eligible to apply to the MBA for Limited Registration in order to start work in the AoN position.

The SIMG is kept updated on the progress of their application and any required assessment tasks throughout the entire process.

If at any stage of the assessment process the SIMG is found not to be progressing or is determined **'Not Comparable'**, the assessment process and RANZCO's recommendation for Limited Registration for AoN will end.

Upon completion of the Concurrent Specialist Recognition and Area of Need process the SIMG, MBA & AMC are notified of the outcome. SIMGs determined as **'Substantially Comparable'** are then eligible to apply to the MBA for Specialist Registration and may be invited to apply for Fellowship of RANZCO.