

Transition to the Diploma of Advanced Diving and Hyperbaric Medicine

This document defines the eligibility requirements and provisions available to trainees transitioning to the Diploma of Advanced DHM, hereafter “diploma” at the launch of the diploma on July 31, 2017.

Eligibility requirements

To be eligible to apply for transition credits, transition applicants must fit into one of the two groups defined below:

- Applicants who registered as certificate trainees and have not been awarded the certificate by July 31, 2017. This may include trainees who have completed certificate requirements.
- Applicants who are in, or have been in supervised positions in ANZCA-accredited DHM units at any time prior to 31 July 2017, but did not register as DHM trainees prior to August 1, 2013.

Applications for transition credits must be made no later than August 28, 2017. Those who do not indicate an interest in completing the diploma and do not apply for transition credits within the permitted timeframes may register at a later date and can apply for recognition of prior learning.

Transition provisions and evidence required

Trainees who have partially completed requirements for the ANZCA certificate of DHM can apply to the TA unit for consideration by the DPA assessor for credit towards diploma requirements (figure 10.1.1) as outlined in the regulation 36.

Transition applicants are eligible to receive credit for any requirement of the diploma as long as the requirement has been complete and supporting evidence is provided. Activities must have been completed during the period the trainee was registered with the College. If the applicant was not registered, eligible activities must have been completed after August 1, 2013.

The SOT, designated head or clinical lead will review and confirm most of the credits; the DPA assessor will review and approve credits as appropriate. All credits are provisional until the relevant fee is paid.

Available credits:

Diploma requirement	What is eligible for credit	Evidence required
Clinical experience time in training	<p>To be eligible for credit, the time must have:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Constituted supervised training. • Been completed in a DHM unit that was ANZCA-accredited for DHM training at the time the experience was obtained. Training undertaken after August 31, 2013, must have been completed in a DHM unit that was formerly ANZCA-accredited for DHM training. • Included completion of workbook requirements co-signed by the applicant and DHM supervisor. • Constituted training for the purposes of the ANZCA DHM certificate 	Confirmed on transition assessment worksheet by SOT, designated head or clinical lead.
VOP	<p>Depends on time credits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full VOP exemption is granted if the applicant is credited with 44 weeks FTE time requirements. • For applicants with less than 44 weeks FTE of time credited, the SOT, designated head or clinical lead can provide as many provisional VOP credits as the evidence supports. 	SOT, designated head or clinical lead reviews workbook, other evidence. Evidence must be sent to the TA unit for review.
WBAs	<p>Depends on time credits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No WBAs required if the applicant is credited with 44 weeks FTE time requirements. • Applicants with at least 22 but less than 44 FTE weeks of time credited must complete at least four WBAs (one of each type). SOT, designated head or clinical lead to determine whether focus should be on diving or hyperbaric medicine or both. • Applicants with less than 22 weeks of time credited must complete all WBAs. 	SOT, designated head or clinical lead reviews workbook, other evidence and determines focus (only required for applicants with at least 22 but less than 44 FTE weeks of time credited). No evidence is sent to ANZCA.
ALS course	<p>All courses as assessed by SOT. The course must meet the standard defined in the <i>ANZCA Handbook for Training and Accreditation</i>.</p> <p>Credit may be granted for an applicant who has instructed on all components of an ALS course or who has completed an ALS instructor re-accreditation course</p>	SOT, designated head or clinical lead reviews course completion certificate or evidence of course standards. No evidence is sent to ANZCA.

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Diving and hyperbaric medicine courses	All courses as assessed by SOT. Courses must be of a minimum standard as required by the South Pacific Underwater Medicine Society (SPUMS) Diploma as currently constituted (requirement from DHM Trainee Manual, 2008). Exemption from requirements must be requested by SOT and assessed by DPA.	Applicant submits course completion certificates and evidence of course standards to ANZCA for DPA assessment.
SPUMS diploma or formal project	Completion of either requirement as assessed by ANZCA	Applicant indicates which requirement is complete and provides evidence (if not previously submitted). SPUMS diploma certificate or letter approving formal project.
Examination	Successful completion of examination.	None – this is held by the College.

Note that this is a guide, and each application will be considered by the DPA assessor on individual merit based on the documentation provided.