1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Trainees in anaesthesia must complete a five year training program, pass the primary and final examinations of the College, and complete other specified training requirements to be eligible for admission to fellowship of the College.

1.2 Trainees who have completed basic training and two years of advanced training, passed the final examination, completed all requirements of training modules 1 to 10, and who have obtained prospective approval from the director of professional affairs (assessor) for an optional individualised program of training during all or part of advanced training year 3 within a hospital department (or other organisation) approved by the College will be recognised as provisional fellows for all, or part of a year.

1.3 Trainees must seek approval from the College before commencing their provisional fellowship program. The trainee is responsible for making application to the College with the written support of the appropriate departmental head.

1.4 Trainees in this year are known as provisional fellows. They must be registered with the College and pay the annual training fee.

1.5 The provisional fellow:

1.5.1 Is not a specialist anaesthetist.

1.5.2 Must be supervised appropriately.

1.5.3 Should achieve widened experience and maturity.

2. DETAILS

2.1 The provisional fellowship year will allow for the development of:

2.1.1 A consultant approach.

2.1.2 An interest in continuing education.
2.1.3 An interest in teaching.

2.1.4 An understanding of research methods and techniques.

2.1.5 Responsibility and commitment to the training of other staff.

2.2 Provisional fellowship programs must satisfy the above requirements and must be either:

2.2.1 Specifically approved by the College as part of its training programs; or

2.2.2 Specially approved by the College on prospective application to the director of professional affairs (assessor).

2.3 Approved provisional fellowship programs may allow:

2.3.1 Recognition for intensive care training.

2.3.2 Recognition for pain medicine training.

2.3.3 Experience in a field of special interest.

2.3.4 Experience in a deficient area of training.

2.4 Provisional fellows should be involved in teaching and supervision of other trainees provided that the clinical situation is appropriate and that supervision as specified in the ANZCA Handbook for Training and Accreditation.

2.5 Provisional fellows should ordinarily work only in situations where work is supervised as noted above. Distance supervision will not ordinarily be permitted for more than three months.

2.6 The director of professional affairs (assessor) has discretionary powers (on behalf of ANZCA Council) to approve specific proposals for the provisional fellowship program and will be flexible in considering a proposal. Any such program must have prior approval. Training outside Australia and New Zealand is to be encouraged.

RELATED ANZCA DOCUMENTS

Regulation 37

ANZCA Handbook for Training and Accreditation

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