



GUIDELINES FOR THE PROVISIONAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

(Document effective at the beginning of the 2004 Hospital Employment Year)

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 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 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 College Professional Document TE3 *Policy on Supervision of Clinical Experience for Trainees in Vocational Anaesthesia* is available.
- 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 Assessor (on behalf of Council) has discretionary powers 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.

This Professional Document should be interpreted with regard to the following Documents:

- TE1 *Recommendations for Hospitals Seeking College Approval for Vocational Training in Anaesthesia*
- TE3 *Policy on Supervision of Clinical Experience for Vocational Trainees in Anaesthesia*
- TE4 *Policy on Duties of Regional Education Officers in Anaesthesia*
- TE5 *Policy for Supervisors of Training in Anaesthesia*
- TE17 *Policy on Advisors of Candidates for Anaesthesia Training*

COLLEGE PROFESSIONAL DOCUMENTS

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- TE Training and Educational
- EX Examinations
- PS Professional Standards
- T Technical

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