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Tēnā koe

Review of Accreditation standards – Anaesthetic Technicians (ATs)

Te Whare Tohu o Te Hau Whakaora | The Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA), which includes the Faculty of Pain Medicine (FPM) and Chapter of Perioperative Medicine, thanks you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the draft accreditation standards for providers of education programmes for ATs. We have consulted with our national committees (National Committee NZ and FPM NZ) and education and policy advisors in Australia and Aotearoa and completed the online survey.

The college **agrees** with the standards which are comprehensive and clear, requiring no addition. The Guide for education providers clearly describes the processes and information required for “ongoing monitoring”, except with respect to *reaccreditation*. While providers are required to notify Council of changes/updates to programmes ahead of time and site visits are “normally” expected to occur within three to five years, there is a risk that a programme could change significantly without this being detectable by MSC, if relying exclusively on self-reporting. ANZCA recommends that a five-year period is set as a safety net.

Nāku noa, nā

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