

By-law 3

Faculty of Pain Medicine

Fellowship of the Faculty

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3. FELLOWSHIP OF THE FACULTY

3.0 Preamble

3.0.1 Fellowship of the Faculty of Pain Medicine is a post-specialisation qualification. Admission to fellowship of the Faculty is contingent upon the holding of a primary specialist qualification acceptable to the Board. (See By-law 3.1.3)

3.0.2 Admission to fellowship of the Faculty may be via one of the following:

3.0.2.1 Completion of the FPM training program.

3.0.2.2 Election to fellowship (*pathway retired, effective 1 July 2021*).

3.0.2.3 Invitation (honorary fellowship).

3.0.2.4 Specialist international medical graduate pathway.

3.0.3 All proceedings in relation to the admission to fellowship will be confidential and privileged.

3.0.4 Persons admitted to fellowship of the Faculty of Pain Medicine, Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists, will be entitled to use the post-nominals FFPMANZCA.

3.1 Fellowship via completion of the FPM training program

3.1.1 Admission to fellowship via completion of the FPM training program requires:

- The FPM certificate of completion of training (CCT) (see By-law 3.1.2); **and**
- Possession of a primary specialist qualification acceptable to the Board.

3.1.2 On completion of the FPM training program (See by-law 4) trainees will receive a certificate of completion of training. This is in recognition of completion of the FPM training program but does not confer eligibility for registration as a specialist pain medicine physician in Australia or New Zealand.

3.1.3 The Australian and New Zealand primary specialist qualifications that are acceptable to the Board include:

- Fellowship of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists.
- Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, or its Faculty of Occupational and Environmental Medicine, or its Chapter of Addiction Medicine, or its Chapter of Palliative Medicine, or its Faculty of Public Health.
- Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons.
- Fellowship of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists.
- Fellowship of the Australasian College of Sport and Exercise Physicians
- Fellowship of the Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine (RACP).
- Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
- Fellowship of the Royal New Zealand College of General Practitioners.
- Fellowship of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.
- Fellowship of the College of Intensive Care Medicine of Australia and New Zealand.
- Fellowship of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine.
- Fellowship of the Australasian College of Emergency Medicine.
- Fellowship of the Australasian College of Dental Surgeons

- Fellowship of the Faculty of Radiation Oncology, Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists.

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3.1.3.1 The Hong Kong and Singapore primary specialist qualifications that are acceptable to the Board are:

- Fellowship of the Hong Kong College of Anaesthesiologists
- Master of Medicine (Anaesthesiology), National University of Singapore

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3.1.4 For the purposes of By-law 3.1.1, the Board may recognise, on a case-by-case basis:

- Australian and New Zealand qualifications not listed in by-law 3.1.3.
- Overseas qualifications not listed in by-law 3.1.3.1.

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3.1.4.1 Applications for recognition of Australian and New Zealand qualifications not listed in By-law 3.1.3 must be made to the Director of Professional Affairs FPM Education. It is the responsibility of the applicant to provide sufficient detail to the Director of Professional Affairs FPM Education concerning the training and assessment structure of the awarding body. The decision for recognition will be by the Board.

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3.1.4.2 Applications for recognition of overseas qualifications must be made to the Director of Professional Affairs FPM Education. It is the responsibility of the applicant to seek a prior comparability assessment of their qualification by the relevant primary college's Specialist International Medical Graduate (SIMG) pathway. Only applicants whose primary specialist qualification is deemed partially or substantially comparable to the equivalent Australian and/or New Zealand primary college will be eligible for fellowship of the FPM following award of the CCT.

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3.1.5 The Director of Professional Affairs FPM Education will make a recommendation to the Board when all requirements for admission to fellowship are completed.

3.1.6 Having received and considered all relevant materials and communications in reference to an application for fellowship of the Faculty, including the recommendation of the Director of Professional Affairs FPM Education, the Board may admit the applicant to fellowship, reject the application or suspend final determination for any period it deems.

3.1.7 Any candidate who is subject to a trainee support or trainee performance review process must satisfactorily complete all the requirements of these processes before an application for fellowship is considered.

3.2 Election to fellowship (By-law 3.2 retired, effective 1 July 2021 - 07/2020)

3.3 Invitation (honorary fellowship)

- 3.3.1 The Board may confer honorary fellowship on distinguished persons who have made a notable contribution to the advancement of the science and practice of pain medicine and who are not practising pain medicine in Australia or New Zealand.
- 3.3.2 Honorary fellowship will not be conferred "in absentia".
- 3.3.3 Nominations for honorary fellowship may be considered at any Board meeting.
- 3.3.4 Nominations will be in writing, formally proposed and seconded by two members of the Board, and submitted to the executive director, Faculty of Pain Medicine at least 28 days before the Board meeting.
- 3.3.5 Each nomination will be accompanied by the curriculum vitae of the nominee.
- 3.3.6 The Board will vote on the nomination by secret ballot: acceptance of the application requires three-quarters of the members of the Board present to vote in favour, with abstentions not being counted in the total number of votes.
- 3.3.7 Nominations rejected by the Board may be reconsidered if proposed and seconded at a subsequent meeting of the Board.
- 3.3.8 Honorary Fellows will not pay entry or annual subscriptions.
- 3.3.9 Holders of an honorary fellowship will not be able to use that fellowship to support entry into the specialist register of the Medical Board of Australia or vocational register of the Medical Council of New Zealand.

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3.4 Specialist international medical graduate pathway

- 3.4.1 Specialist international medical graduate specialists (SIMGs) are defined as those medical practitioners who hold a specialist qualification in pain medicine from an overseas College. Assessment of the applicant will be according to Regulation 23, *Recognition as a Specialist in Anaesthesia or Pain Medicine; and Eligibility for Admission to Fellowship by Assessment for Specialist International Medical Graduates (SIMGs)*.

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- 3.4.2 All requirements of the SIMG process must be completed prior to application to the FPM Board for admission to fellowship.
- 3.4.3 Having received and considered all materials and communications relevant to an application for fellowship of the Faculty, including the recommendation of the Director of Professional Affairs FPM Education, the FPM Board may either admit the candidate to fellowship or reject their application or suspend final determination for any period it deems fit.

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3.5 Standards of professional practice

- 3.5.1 In accordance with regulation 26, *Standards of professional practice*, any fellow of the faculty who has an adverse finding against them in relation to their professional conduct by a regulatory authority or who has conditions or undertakings (including voluntary undertakings) imposed on their right to practise (i.e., registration) by a regulatory authority must notify the ANZCA Chief Executive Officer.

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3.6 Reconsideration, review and appeal

- 3.6.1 Any person who is dissatisfied with a decision made under By-law 3 may apply to have that decision reconsidered. The processes of reconsideration, review and appeal will follow ANZCA regulation 30.

3.7 Academic Costume

- 3.7.1 **For Fellows**, a black stuff gown with looped sleeves, facings 110mm green with gold trim and be continued on as a green yoke around the back.

- 3.7.2 **For members of the Board of the Faculty**, as for Fellows but having a 35mm green band around the hem of the gown and each sleeve gathered with six silk gold faced buttons tied together in three pairs with braided gold silk cord.

During their term of office only, members of the Faculty Board wear badges consisting of two stiffened tabs 110 x 50mm faced in green silk and trimmed around the edge with braided gold silk cord fastened across the facings at mid-chest. These badges are to be relinquished upon retirement from the Faculty Board.

- 3.7.3 **For the vice-dean**, a black gown made from pure wool in the style as for members of the Board but with gold metallic cord trim and each sleeve gathered with six gold metallic faced buttons tied together in three pairs with braided gold metallic cord.

- 3.7.4 **For the dean**, a black gown made from pure wool in the style of the vice-dean with the addition of a gold frog posted on each front facing.

- 3.7.5 Past deans may wear a patch featuring the ANZCA coat of arms and crest to be displayed in the centre of the left sleeve.

3.8 Currency of the by-law

- 3.8.1 The FPM Board exercises the right from time-to-time to make changes to bylaw 4. The most recent iteration of this bylaw may be found on the FPM website. The information in this by-law is effective from the date determined by the FPM Board. At that time all other versions of this by-law are rescinded

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