



Regulation 35

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Pursuant to article 7.3 of the Constitution:

7.3.1: The Council has the power from time to time to make, amend, or repeal all such regulations as it deems necessary or desirable for the proper conduct and management of the College, the regulation of its affairs and the furtherance of its objectives.

Noting that:

7.3.3: No regulation shall be inconsistent with, nor shall it affect the repeal or modification of, anything contained in the Constitution.

35.1 Introduction

ANZCA awards a range of qualifications to recognise the attainment of special knowledge, skills and experience in areas of medicine related to the practice of Anaesthesia, Perioperative Medicine and Pain Medicine that are distinct from Fellowship conferred by ANZCA (FANZCA) and the Faculty of Pain Medicine (FFPM).

Generally but not exclusively, the title of these qualifications is prefixed by “Advanced Certificate in”. This regulation guides the development, implementation and planning for sustainability of new qualification programs, herewith referred to as Advanced Certificates.

35.2 Definition of an ANZCA Advanced Certificate qualification

An ANZCA Advanced Certificate qualification:

- 35.2.1 denotes the attainment of defined knowledge, skills and experience in an area of clinical medicine related to the practice of Anaesthesia, Perioperative Medicine and or Pain Medicine where the learning outcomes:
 - 35.2.1.1 are not wholly included in the FANZCA or FFPM.
 - 35.2.1.2 are not of such limited scope to be attainable through completion of a workshop or short course.
 - 35.2.1.3 warrant rigorous application of scholarship at least equivalent to tertiary education level scholarship.
- 35.2.2 does not imply that the bearer of the qualification:

- 35.2.2.1 is eligible for admission to Fellowship of ANZCA or its Faculties through completion of the relevant training program.
- 35.2.2.2 holds a current FANZCA, FANZCAFFPM or FFPM or is entitled to access to the privileges associated with Fellowship.
- 35.2.2.3 is entitled to rights to practise or clinical privileging in the particular area, as these are granted by employers.
- 35.2.3 Shall be available to Fellows, Specialist International Medical Graduate (SIMGs), trainees, other medical practitioners and other healthcare workers who meet specified eligibility criteria.
- 35.2.4 Shall be awarded to candidates who succeed in meeting the minimum requirements of the program on the recommendation of the relevant Director(s) of Professional Affairs (DPAs).
- 35.2.5 Shall be verified through an original or otherwise certified document.
- 35.2.6 may at the discretion of ANZCA be assigned post nominals
- 35.2.7 assumes but does not enforce participation in relevant Continuing Professional Development by the qualification holder following award of the qualification.
- 35.2.8 may be withdrawn if the requirement for such a qualification becomes no longer necessary.

35.3 Governance

- 35.3.1 The governance processes for ANZCA Advanced Certificates are overseen by the ANZCA Education Executive Management Committee (EEMC), the FPM Training and Assessment Executive Committee (TAEC), ANZCA Council or as directed by ANZCA Council, and the relevant Directors of Professional Affairs, as appropriate. This governance is enshrined within Regulation 2 and the regulation specific to each qualification.

35.4 Advanced Certificate program components

An Advanced Certificate program will comprise the following components:

- 35.4.1 A discrete ANZCA regulation, and as needed, a training handbook which specify rules and regulations pertaining to eligibility, training activities, assessment processes and other matters that inform minimum requirements for successful completion of the Advanced Certificate program.
- 35.4.2 A course curriculum and associated curriculum handbook.
- 35.4.3 A clinical training component that has a minimum period of accredited training.
- 35.4.4 An assessment process that outlines minimum requirements for completion of the qualification.
- 35.4.5 Resources that appropriately guide and support participants' learning and assessment.
- 35.4.6 Pathways for requests for special consideration, reconsideration, review and appeals.

- 35.4.7 A process to accredit clinical training facilities.
- 35.4.8 A monitoring and evaluation process.
- 35.4.9 A fee structure (which may include annual subscription, application fee, examination fees) and for the qualification holders (which may include annual subscription, CPD fee)

35.5 Summary of process for introducing a new advanced certificate program

- 35.5.1 The need for an advanced certificate in an appropriate area of medicine is referred to the relevant ANZCA governance group for its endorsement.
- 35.5.2 If endorsed, ANZCA Council approves the formation of a Working Party, supported by an appropriate ANZCA or FPM team, to develop a draft qualification program and business plan.
- 35.5.3 The relevant ANZCA governance committee considers the application and makes recommendations to Council.
- 35.5.4 If endorsed, ANZCA Council grants the relevant governance committee the authority to further develop the program. This may involve forming an interim committee (or Project Group) while transitioning to a formal qualification committee. Members of these committees may include practitioners from 35.5.2. The development and implementation of the advanced certificate program is resourced according to an approved budget and work plan, prior to its transition to business-as-usual.

Definitions and interpretations

In this regulation:

- “Constitution” means the Constitution of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists as amended from time to time; and
- “Regulations” means any regulation made in accordance with article 7.3; and
- “Council” means the ANZCA Council
- Heading and buildings do not affect the interpretation.

Unless otherwise specified, or the contrary intention appears in these regulations:

- Where a word or phrase is defined in the Constitution the word or phrase has the same meaning throughout these regulations; and
- The singular includes the plural and vice versa; and
- A person includes an individual, a body corporate, a partnership, a firm, unincorporated association or institution and a government body; and
- These regulations shall come into operation on the date they are approved and adopted by the Council.

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