

RANZCP DECLARATION OF RETIREMENT FORM

Fellows of the RANZCP who completely and permanently retire from practice as a specialist psychiatrist must give notice of their retirement to the College's General Council, by completing and signing the form below.

For the purposes of retirement, the following Definition of Practice applies:

'Practice as a specialist psychiatrist' within the RANZCP Constitution shall be taken to include all forms of medicine, psychiatry, medico-legal work, and other specialist non-clinical work such as medical administration, academia, and involvement in panels, tribunals and boards.

This form must be read in conjunction with the 'Explanatory notes to the RANZCP Declaration of Retirement Form', contained at the end of this form.

Pursuant to the Constitution of The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists

I [full name],

of [address]

do solemnly and sincerely declare:

1. That I am a Fellow of The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists;
2. That I have completely and permanently retired from practice as a specialist psychiatrist, as defined by the 'Definition of Practice' noted above;
3. That I cease to act as an expert witness in the field of psychiatry, except in cases for which I have already provided an opinion prior to the date of signing this Declaration of Retirement;
4. That should I at any time resume practice as a specialist psychiatrist, as defined by the 'Definition of Practice' noted above:
 - 4.1 I undertake to notify the College in writing forthwith;
 - 4.2 I understand and acknowledge that I shall be required to satisfy any such requirements as is deemed appropriate by the College; and
 - 4.3 I understand and acknowledge that I will no longer be exempt from professional development requirements.

My retirement is effective from (date):.....

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[Signature of declarant]

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[Date]

Signed in the presence of:

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[Signature of witness]

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[Name of witness – block letters]

Of [address of witness]

Explanatory notes to the RANZCP Declaration of Retirement Form

1. Completed Declaration of Retirement forms should be forwarded to:

The Honorary Secretary, RANZCP
309 La Trobe Street
Melbourne VIC 3000
AUSTRALIA

Or by e-mail to: membership@ranzcp.org

2. Notifications of retirement are submitted to General Council for approval.
3. Under the College's previous Memorandum and Articles of Association, 'Retired Fellow' existed as a specific class of membership; however, under the current RANZCP Constitution, a retired Fellow is still classed as 'Fellow', with a sub-categorisation of retired status approved by General Council.
4. Pursuant to Article 3.3.4 of the RANZCP Constitution, a Fellow who has completely and permanently retired from practice as a specialist psychiatrist "shall have the same powers, privileges and liabilities as a Fellow but be exempt from any professional development requirements".
5. Pursuant to Article 3.3.5 of the Constitution, all Fellows "shall have the right to attend, speak and vote at General Meetings".
6. Retired Fellows shall not be required to pay annual subscription fees or levies.
7. Only Fellows who have completely and permanently retired from practice as a specialist psychiatrist, completed the 'Declaration of Retirement' form, and had retirement status approved by General Council shall be considered as retired Fellows and thus exempted from professional development requirements.
8. After retirement status is approved, Fellows will continue to receive regular College communications (such as e-mail bulletins, newsletters, notification of meetings and conferences, etc), however they may 'opt out' of such communications if they wish. An annual fee will be payable for continuation of hard copy subscription to the College journals (free access to College members is available online through the RANZCP web site).
9. If a Fellow at any time resumes practice as a specialist psychiatrist, as defined by the 'Definition of Practice' on the Declaration of Retirement Form, s/he must immediately notify the College in writing. Such a change in status (ie back to a 'practicing' Fellow) requires the approval of General Council. Notification must be forwarded to:

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Notification must include details of the resumption of practice, and Fellows will normally also be required to provide written evidence that his/her medical registration has been fully restored with the relevant medical board, and a letter of good standing (not more than 2 months old) in support of the Fellow, to be provided by two other Fellows of the College (who have known the applicant for more than two years). Any outstanding College fees must also be paid.