INFORMATION ON RANZCP AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP IN NEW ZEALAND

The New Zealand National Committee of RANZCP is keen to ensure that the College in New Zealand is inclusive. As we are aware that many of our psychiatrist colleagues are not Fellows of the College, we have promoted the status of Affiliateship to RANZCP.

The following conditions apply to Affiliate status:

1. All fully vocationally registered specialist psychiatrists who are not Fellows of the RANZCP may apply to be an Affiliate of RANZCP. Furthermore, psychiatrists on provisional vocational registration practising in New Zealand and who are members of allied Colleges and Boards may also apply to be Affiliates.

2. Applications should be made to the New Zealand National Committee which following due consideration, will recommend applicants to the Board of the RANZCP for approval.

3. Affiliateship shall:
   a) Entitle the Affiliate to promulgate the full statement “Affiliate of RANZCP”.
   b) Be applicable only whilst practising in New Zealand.
   c) Require adherence to the Code of Ethics, acceptance of the disciplinary processes and observation of the appropriate Articles and Bylaws of the RANZCP.
   d) Entitle Affiliates to attend all meetings of the College in New Zealand and to participate in the CPD (Continuing Professional Development) Programme.
   e) Permit attendance and voting rights at the New Zealand National general meeting.
   f) Entitle the Affiliate to apply for membership of Sections and Faculties, any such membership requiring payment of the appropriate additional fee.
   g) Allow Affiliates to be elected or appointed to any position on the New Zealand National Committee.
   h) Require an annual fee which will be set by Finance Committee of the RANZCP and is currently NZ $1250.00 per year.

Affiliateship will be renewable annually as long as vocational registration has been maintained. Affiliates should include a copy of their Annual Practising Certificate when renewing their Affiliateship.

Affiliateship of RANZCP entitles a psychiatrist to access to the College’s Continuing Professional Development programme, which is recognised by the Medical Council of New Zealand as indicative of maintenance of standards as required for the Annual Practising Certificate.

Affiliates of the RANZCP will receive the RANZCP Journal as well as the College publication “Australasian Psychiatry” and/or other College correspondence, including the New Zealand Branch Newsletter.
As the College has an expectation that psychiatrists who are not Fellows of RANZCP and who wish to supervise trainees in the RANZCP Training Programmes would seek Affiliate status, approval as a supervisor will be considered positively by the National Committee when considering applications for Affiliate.

The ASMS negotiated MECA includes provision for reimbursement of College membership fees. The fee for Affiliate of RANZCP is accepted within this framework. Multiple College fees are not always accepted for reimbursement by a DHB.

An application form for Affiliate is attached. Information about the Pathways to full Fellowship is available on www.ranzcp.org

From the New Zealand National Committee