All new and existing specialist international medical graduate (SIMG) candidates deemed partially comparable from January 2016 are required to complete a number of requirements under the 2012 Fellowship Program in order to demonstrate their competence and comparability to an Australian/New Zealand trained psychiatrist.

This communique sets out the progression requirements necessary for the attainment of RANZCP Fellowship for partially comparable SIMG candidates under the 2012 Fellowship Program. The details of each of the 2012 Fellowship Program requirements can be accessed from the relevant 2012 Fellowship Program Policy and Procedures found on the Regulations, policies and procedures web page. It is the responsibility of the SIMG candidate to ensure he/she is familiar with the relevant 2012 Fellowship Program Training Regulations.

Please note: the following time and assessment requirements for SIMG candidates under the 2012 Fellowship Program from January 2016 have been approved in principle by the Education Committee and the RANZCP Board. These are now being drafted into a policy document to be submitted to the Education Committee and the Board.

Time requirements to achieve Fellowship under the 2012 Fellowship Program

Existing candidates

Existing SIMG candidates currently enrolled on the specialist pathway with either Category I or Category II status will transfer to the requirements of the 2012 Fellowship Program from January 2016. Category I and Category II candidates will be known as ‘partially comparable’ candidates from then on.

Transition to the new requirements will take into account the exemption status time remaining that candidates have on the specialist pathway and the requirements that they have already completed prior to commencing the new requirements.

The minimum and maximum time an existing SIMG candidate is required to complete all requirements under the 2012 Fellowship Program is dependent on the requirement/s he/she has outstanding from his/her progression to RANZCP Fellowship under the 2003 Fellowship Program. However, for those SIMG candidates who have not completed their MOCI examinations, a minimum of 24 months of exemption status time is required to complete the partial comparability requirements under the 2012 Fellowship Program.

SIMG candidates who do not have sufficient exemption status time remaining (that is at least two years starting from January 2016) will not transition to the 2012 Fellowship Program. Therefore, if the final extension expires before 31 December 2017, you cannot transition to the new Program.

As in the example shown below in the table, a transitioning candidate who has all 2003 requirements outstanding such as their training gaps, Written examinations, MOCIs and MOSCEs will be required to complete under the 2012 Fellowship Program their outstanding training, OCAs, EPAs, ITAs, Essay examination, Psychotherapy 3 cases, Leadership and Management module and OSCEs:
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**New applicants**

All new SIMG candidates assessed as partially comparable from January 2016 onwards under the 2012 Fellowship Program will be required to successfully complete a minimum of 24 months full time equivalent (FTE) time on the Specialist Pathway, which involves the completion of a series of workplace based assessments and centrally administered summative assessments, for attainment of RANZCP Fellowship.

Any extensions beyond 24 months FTE will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the CSIMGE. The absolute maximum time on this pathway will be four years.

The total time that SIMG candidates spend on the Specialist Pathway will be divided into six-month (FTE) periods. SIMG candidates will be required to ensure that they meet their Fellowship requirements at the end of each six-month (FTE) period.

**Mandatory assessments to be completed under the 2012 Fellowship Program**

- Four (4) formative Observed Clinical Activities (OCAs)
- Eight (8) summative Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) from Stage 3
- Four (4) summative end-of-six-month period In-Training Assessment (ITA) Reports
- Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE)
- Essay-style written examination
- Psychotherapy three patients for at least six sessions each (Stage 3 requirement)
- Leadership and Management training (Stage 3 requirement).

During each six-month FTE period on the Specialist Pathway, SIMG candidates will be required to successfully complete at least one (1) OCA, two (2) EPAs and one (1) ITA in accordance with the requirements for Stage 3 Trainees.

The assessment requirements an existing SIMG candidate is required to complete is dependent on the requirements he/she has outstanding from his/her progression to RANZCP Fellowship under the 2003 Fellowship Program. See the table under the ‘Time requirements to achieve Fellowship under the 2012 Fellowship Program’ section above.
Supervision

All SIMG candidates under the 2012 Fellowship Program require a designated supervisor who is a RANZCP-accredited supervisor and is fully aware of the 2012 Fellowship Program.

It is the responsibility of the SIMG candidate and his/her employer to find a suitable supervisor for the candidate. All workplace based assessments of SIMG candidates will be required to be signed off by RANZCP-accredited supervisors.

Queries

For any queries relating to this communique, please contact simge@ranzcp.org.