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Introduction and Background

The Queensland (QLD) Training and Assessment report provides a snapshot overview of training and assessment activity and outlines the most recent statistics for:

- Fellowship program enrolments
- Trainee and Specialist International Medical Graduates (SIMGs) profile
- Assessment activity and pass rates
- Admissions to Fellowship
- Certificates of Advanced Training
- Specialist Training Program (STP) and Integrated Rural Training Pipeline (IRTP)

Data are current as of February 2026 and reflect activities conducted between 1 January and 31 December 2025.

Data are aggregated by Australian state and New Zealand. Location is defined as follows:

- Trainees: Fellowship zone of training
- SIMGs: Employer state
- New Fellows: Last recorded Fellowship zone (training pathway) or employer state (specialist pathway).

Data were extracted from the RANZCP member database and analysed by the Education and Training Unit as part of routine monitoring and reporting processes. Variations between this report and other College reports may occur due to differences in extraction timing, changes in Fellowship zone allocation, late submissions, withdrawals, fee status adjustments, or eligibility exclusions.

Unless otherwise specified, figures are rounded to the nearest whole number. As a result, percentages may not add up to exactly 100%.

1. RANZCP Fellowship Program Enrolment

In 2025, 94 trainees commenced the QLD Fellowship training program, a decrease of 3 trainees compared with 2024. Table 1 compares the QLD and RANZCP-wide training intakes for 2025 and 2024. Both the QLD and RANZCP-wide intakes declined in 2025, with QLD decreasing by approximately 3% and the overall RANZCP intake decreasing by approximately 6%.

The training year for 2025 commenced in February for Australia and New Zealand, covering the period from February 2025 to February 2026. Table 1 compares the 2025 intake with the same period in 2024 and shows the difference in numbers.

Figure 1 shows the QLD training intake over the longer-term period from 2013 to 2025. The longer-term trend reflects sustained growth in QLD trainee commencements, from 44 in 2013 to a peak of 97 in 2024, with a modest reduction to 94 in 2025.

Table 1. QLD Training Intakes

	QLD	RANZCP Overall
2025	94	429
2024	97	455
Difference	-3	-26

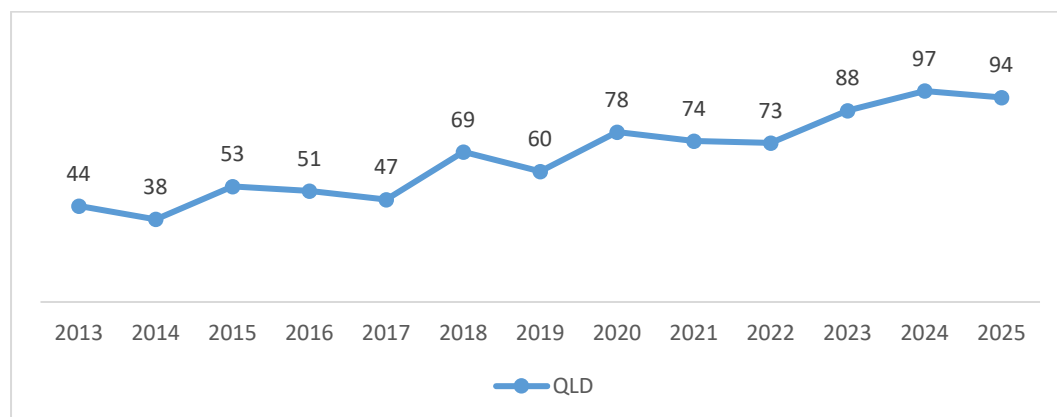


Figure 1. QLD Training Intake (2013–2025)

2. RANZCP Fellowship Program Numbers

As at 4 February 2026, the QLD Fellowship training program had 502 active trainees. Of these, 495 trainees (99%) were undertaking the 2012 Fellowship program, while 7 trainees were continuing under the transitioned arrangements from the 2003 program.

Within the QLD 2012 program cohort, Stage 2 was the most populated stage, with 193 trainees (39%), followed by Stage 3 with 181 trainees (37%) and Stage 1 with 121 trainees (24%). Collectively, 76% of QLD trainees on the 2012 program were in Stages 2 or 3. This distribution indicates that the current QLD cohort is weighted towards trainees progressing through the middle and latter stages of the Fellowship program.

Compared with the RANZCP overall trainee population, QLD represents a substantial proportion of national training activity, with 502 active trainees accounting for approximately 18% of all active trainees nationally.

Table 2. Total QLD Training Numbers by Stage (correct as of 4 February 2026)

	QLD	RANZCP Overall
2012 Program	495	2685
Stage 1	121	737
Stage 2	193	963

Stage 3	181	985
Transitioned	7	38
Stage 1	-	0
Stage 2	-	1
Stage 3	7	37
Overall	502	2723
Stage 1	121	737
Stage 2	193	964
Stage 3	188	1022

As at 4 February 2026, the QLD trainee cohort comprised 242 men and 255 women among those who disclosed their gender, with women slightly outnumbering men. A small number of trainees did not disclose their gender or identified as non-binary or gender diverse.

Table 3. Distribution of QLD trainees by gender (correct as of 4 February 2026)

	QLD	RANZCP Overall
Man	242	1263
Non-binary/ gender diverse	-	10
Prefer not to say	-	9
Woman	255	1441

3. Assessments

3.1 Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) Examination

The MCQ Examination was conducted in March and September 2025. QLD candidates completed 113 assessments across the two rounds, comprising 54 in March and 59 in September, with pass rates of 91% in March and 88% in September.

The March pass rate (91%) slightly exceeded the corresponding RANZCP-wide rate of 90%. In September, the QLD pass rate of 88% was modestly below the RANZCP-wide rate of 93%. As one of the largest training zones nationally, QLD contributed a substantial proportion of MCQ assessments in both rounds, and results across both periods indicate broadly consistent performance relative to the national cohort.

Table 4. MCQ Examination Results by Fellowship Zone – March 2025

March	QLD	RANZCP Overall
Assessments	54	296
Pass	49	267
Pass Rate (%)	91%	90%

Table 5. MCQ Examination Results by Fellowship Zone – September 2025

September	QLD	RANZCP Overall
Assessments	59	257
Pass	52	238
Pass Rate (%)	88%	93%

3.2 Modified Essay Question (MEQ) Examination

The MEQ Examination was conducted in March and September 2025. QLD candidates completed 54 assessments in March and 67 in September, totalling 121 assessments across both rounds. The overall QLD pass rate increased from 69% in March to 76% in September.

Among QLD trainees, the pass rate improved from 72% in March to 79% in September, with the September result exceeding the corresponding RANZCP-wide trainee rate of 76%. The overall QLD rate in September (76%) also exceeded the RANZCP-wide total of 72%. For SIMGs, QLD pass rates were below the national rate in both rounds, at 43% in March (RANZCP: 63%) and 40% in September (RANZCP: 51%). The improvement in trainee outcomes between rounds is a positive indicator, while SIMG performance warrants continued monitoring.

Table 6. MEQ Examination Results by Fellowship Zone – March 2025

March	QLD	RANZCP Overall
Assessments -trainees	47	217
Pass	34	178
Pass Rate (%)	72%	82%
Assessments -SIMGs (Partial comparability)	7	56
Pass	3	35
Pass Rate (%)	43%	63%
Total Assessments	54	273
Pass	37	213
Pass Rate (%)	69%	78%

Table 7. MEQ Examination Pass Rates by Attempt – September 2025

September	QLD	RANZCP Overall
Assessments -trainees	63	298

Pass	49	225
Pass Rate (%)	79%	76%
Assessments -SIMGs (Partial comparability)	5	45
Pass	2	23
Pass Rate (%)	40%	51%
Total Assessments	68	343
Pass	51	248
Pass Rate (%)	75%	72%

3.3 Clinical Competency Assessment – Modified Portfolio Review (CCA-MPR)

The CCA-MPR was conducted in April and September 2025. QLD completed 30 assessments in each round, totalling 60 assessments for the year. All 60 QLD assessments were successful, resulting in a 100% success rate across both rounds for both trainees and SIMGs.

The QLD outcome is consistent with the assessment's longitudinal and programmatic design. The CCA-MPR draws on multiple sources of evidence collected throughout training rather than relying on a single assessment event.

Candidates submit their portfolios following ongoing assessment and feedback during training, meaning that candidates generally proceed to submission once the required standards have been demonstrated.

The 100% success rate across 60 QLD assessments is consistent with the assessment's programmatic design and reflects sustained engagement of QLD trainees and SIMGs in portfolio-based learning. QLD accounted for approximately 15% of all national CCA-MPR assessments in April and 22% in September, reflecting the scale of QLD training activity.

Table 8. CCA-MPR Results by Fellowship Zone – April 2025

April	QLD	RANZCP Overall
Trainees	25	169
Successful	25	166
Unsuccessful	0	3
SIMGs	5	34
Successful	5	33
Unsuccessful	0	1
Overall	30	203
Successful	30	199
Unsuccessful	0	4

Table 9. CCA-MPR Results by Fellowship Zone – September 2025

September	QLD	RANZCP Overall
Trainees	28	111
Successful	28	110
Unsuccessful	0	1
SIMGs	2	27
Successful	2	26
Unsuccessful	0	1
Overall	30	138
Successful	30	136
Unsuccessful	0	2

3.4 Psychotherapy Written Case (PWC)

PWC submissions from QLD candidates were recorded across four rounds in 2025: February, May, August, and November. A total of 86 QLD submissions were assessed during the year, with outcomes varying across rounds.

The QLD pass rate was 75% in February (RANZCP: 68%), 68% in May (RANZCP: 64%), 72% in August (RANZCP: 73%) and 70% in November (RANZCP: 73%). QLD performed at or above the RANZCP-wide rate in February and May, and broadly in line with the national rate in the second half of the year. November recorded the highest QLD submission volume at 33, indicating active progression through this assessment requirement across the trainee cohort.

Table 10. Psychotherapy Written Case (PWC) Results by Fellowship Zone – February 2025

February	QLD	RANZCP Overall
Assessments	16	98
Pass	12	67
Pass Rate (%)	75%	68%

Table 11. Psychotherapy Written Case (PWC) Results by Fellowship Zone – May 2025

May	QLD	RANZCP Overall
Assessments	19	109
Pass	13	70
Pass Rate (%)	68%	64%

Table 12. Psychotherapy Written Case (PWC) Results by Fellowship Zone – August 2025

August	QLD	RANZCP Overall
Assessments	18	149
Pass	13	109
Pass Rate (%)	72%	73%

Table 13. Psychotherapy Written Case (PWC) Results by Fellowship Zone – November 2025

November	QLD	RANZCP Overall
Assessments	33	137
Pass	23	100
Pass Rate (%)	70%	73%

3.5 Scholarly Project (SP)

a. Submission results

During 2025, 55 Scholarly Project submissions were assessed from QLD trainees across three rounds: 14 in March, 17 in July, and 24 in November.

In March, 12 of 14 submissions were successful, resulting in an 86% pass rate (RANZCP: 90%). In July, 16 of 17 submissions were successful, yielding a QLD pass rate of 94%, which notably exceeded the RANZCP-wide rate of 81%. In November, 17 of 24 submissions were successful, resulting in a pass rate of 71% (RANZCP: 78%). Across all three QLD submission rounds, 45 of 55 submissions were successful, for an overall pass rate of 82%.

Table 14. Scholarly Project (SP) Results by Fellowship Zone – March 2025

March	QLD	RANZCP Overall
Assessments	14	100
Pass	12	90
Pass Rate (%)	86%	90%

Table 15. SP Pass Rates by Project Type – March 2025

Project type	Submissions	Pass Rate
Case Series	-	-
Literature Review	10	100%
Qualitative or Quantitative Research	3	66%
Quality Assurance or Clinical Audit	1	0%

Table 16. Scholarly Project (SP) Results by Fellowship Zone – July 2025

July	QLD	RANZCP Overall
Assessments	17	91
Pass	16	74
Pass Rate (%)	94%	81%

Table 17. SP Pass Rates by Project Type – July 2025

Project type	Submissions	Pass Rate
Case Series	-	-
Literature Review	9	100%
Qualitative or Quantitative Research	5	80%
Quality Assurance or Clinical Audit	3	100%

Table 18. Scholarly Project (SP) Results by Fellowship Zone – November 2025

November	QLD	RANZCP Overall
Assessments	24	130
Pass	17	102
Pass Rate (%)	71%	78%

Table 19. SP Pass Rates by Project Type – November 2025

Project type	Submissions	Pass Rate
Case Series	-	-
Literature Review	9	88%
Qualitative or Quantitative Research	7	71%
Quality Assurance or Clinical Audit	6	66%
Other	2	0%

b. Proposals and exemptions

During 2025, 83 Scholarly Project proposals from QLD trainees were approved. Literature Reviews were the most common project type, accounting for 41 proposals (49%), followed by Qualitative or Quantitative Research and Quality Assurance or Clinical Audit, each with 19 proposals (23%). Other project types accounted for 4 proposals (5%). No Case Series proposals were recorded during the period.

Table 20. Approved SP proposals by project type

Project Type	Jan – Dec 2025
Case Series	-
Literature Review	41
Qualitative or Quantitative Research	19
Quality Assurance or Clinical Audit	19
Other	4

During 2025, 13 QLD trainees applied for an exemption from the Scholarly Project requirement, and all 13 exemptions were granted, resulting in a 100% approval rate. This was above the RANZCP-wide approval rate of 85%. The QLD exemption approval rate of 100% reflects that all submitted applications met the required criteria. QLD accounted for 13 of the 93 exemption applications received nationally, representing approximately 14% of the national total.

Table 21. SP Exemptions granted by Fellowship zone (Jan-Dec 2025)

	QLD	RANZCP Overall
Exemptions	13	93
Granted	13	79
Granted (%)	100%	85%

4. Specialist International Medical Graduates Program Enrolment

During 2025, 26 SIMGs commenced a pathway towards Fellowship in QLD, of whom 19 (73%) were assessed as substantially comparable and 7 (27%) as partially comparable.

QLD accounted for 26 of the 102 SIMG pathway assessments recorded across the RANZCP overall cohort, representing approximately 25% of all national SIMG pathway commencements in 2025.

Table 22. Specialist Pathway Assessments by Employer State (Jan-Dec 2025)

	QLD	RANZCP Overall
Overall	26	102
Partially	7	37
Substantially	19	65

QLD SIMGs commencing pathways in 2025 held their highest specialist qualifications from a range of countries. The United Kingdom was the most represented country of qualification, with 9 SIMGs, all assessed as substantially comparable. India, Iran, and Nigeria each accounted for 4 SIMGs, Sri Lanka contributed 3, and Turkey and the United States of America each contributed 1. The diversity of source countries reflects QLD's role as a major training jurisdiction attracting international medical graduates from a broad range of training systems.

Table 23. QLD Intakes by Country of the Highest Specialist Qualification Assessed (Jan-Dec 2025)

Country	Partially	Substantially	Overall
INDIA	2	2	4
IRAN	2	2	4
NIGERIA	1	3	4
SRI LANKA	2	1	3
TURKEY	-	1	1
UNITED KINGDOM	-	9	9
USA	-	1	1
Overall	7	19	26

5. Specialist International Medical Graduates Numbers

As at 13 February 2026, QLD had 33 active SIMGs, comprising 20 (61%) on the substantially comparable pathway and 13 (39%) on the partially comparable pathway.

QLD's 33 active SIMGs represent approximately 17% of the RANZCP-wide active SIMG population of 195. The predominance of substantially comparable SIMGs within QLD (61%) is notable compared with the national distribution, where partially comparable SIMGs constitute the majority (116 of 195, or 59% nationally).

Table 24. Active SIMGs by Employer State and Comparability Status (correct as of 13 February 2026)

	QLD	RANZCP Overall
SIMGs	33	195
Partially	13	116
Substantially	20	79

The QLD active SIMG cohort comprised 18 men (55%) and 15 women (45%). No QLD SIMGs were recorded as non-binary or gender diverse, or as preferring not to say.

Table 25. Active SIMGs by Employer State and Gender (correct as of 13 February 2026)

	QLD	RANZCP Overall
Man	18	107

Non-binary/ gender diverse	-	-
Woman	15	84
Prefer not to say	-	4

6. New Fellows

During 2025, 62 new Fellows associated with QLD were admitted to Fellowship of the RANZCP. Of these, 50 completed the Fellowship training program pathway (all via the 2012 program), and 12 completed a SIMG pathway (7 partially comparable and 5 substantially comparable).

QLD's 62 new Fellows represented approximately 15% of the 417 new Fellows across the RANZCP overall cohort, reflecting QLD's position as one of the largest training zones nationally. Within the QLD cohort, SIMG pathways accounted for 19% of new Fellows, indicating a meaningful contribution from the specialist pathway to Fellowship admissions in the jurisdiction.

Table 26. New Fellows by Location and Admission Pathway (Jan-Dec 2025)

	QLD	RANZCP Overall
Training program	50	309
2012 program	50	305
Transitioned	-	4
SIMG pathway	12	108
Partial	7	48
Substantial	5	60
Overall (a) + (b)	62	417

* Training pathway distributed based on the last zone trained and specialist pathway based on the employer state.

Among the 62 QLD new Fellows admitted in 2025, 39 were men (63%) and 23 were women (37%).

Table 27. New Fellows by Location and Gender (Jan-Dec 2025)

	QLD	RANZCP Overall
Man	39	235
Non-binary/ gender diverse	-	-
Prefer not to say	-	-
Woman	23	182

7. Certificates of Advanced Training

a. Enrolment

During 2025, 56 QLD enrolments were recorded across Certificates of Advanced Training. Child and Adolescent Psychiatry was the most common certificate, with 19 enrolments (34%), followed by Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry and Old Age Psychiatry, each with 10 enrolments (18% each). Addiction Psychiatry recorded 6 enrolments, while Adult Psychiatry and Psychotherapy each recorded 4, and Forensic Psychiatry recorded 3.

QLD's 56 enrolments accounted for approximately 24% of the 235 Certificates of Advanced Training enrolments recorded across the RANZCP overall cohort, reflecting QLD's substantial share of national advanced training activity.

Table 28. Certificates of Advanced Training intake by type and certificate zone (Jan – Dec 2025)

	QLD	RANZCP Overall
Overall	56	235
Addiction	6	29
Adult	4	18
Child and Adolescent	19	54
Consultation-Liaison	10	45
Forensic	3	20
Old Age	10	45
Psychotherapy	4	24

b. RANZCP Certificates of Advanced Training numbers

As at 4 February 2026, 186 QLD members were undertaking 203 Certificates of Advanced Training, indicating that 17 members were concurrently enrolled in more than one certificate.

Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry was the most common certificate, with 48 of the 203 certificates (24%), closely followed by Child and Adolescent Psychiatry with 47 (23%). Old Age Psychiatry accounted for 34 (17%), Addiction Psychiatry for 28 (14%), and Forensic Psychiatry for 26 (13%), with Adult Psychiatry (11) and Psychotherapy (9) representing smaller shares.

Of the 186 QLD members undertaking certificates, 117 were trainees (63%) and 69 were Fellows (37%), indicating participation across both stages of the College membership lifecycle, with the majority of enrolments held by active trainees.

Table 29. Total Certificates of Advanced Training Numbers by Certificate Zone (correct as of 4 February 2026)

	QLD	RANZCP Overall
Overall	203	887
Addiction	28	70
Adult	11	89
Child and Adolescent	47	138
Consultation-Liaison	48	170
Forensic	26	151
Old Age	34	154
Psychotherapy	9	115

Table 30. Total Certificates of Advanced Training Numbers by Membership (correct as of 4 February 2026)

	QLD	RANZCP Overall
Overall	186	825
Trainees	117	503

Fellows	69	322
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c. Awards

During 2025, 46 Certificates of Advanced Training were awarded to QLD members. Child and Adolescent Psychiatry was the most awarded certificate, with 14 awards (30%), followed by Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry with 11 (24%), Addiction Psychiatry and Old Age Psychiatry with 6 each (13%), Forensic Psychiatry with 5 (11%), and Adult Psychiatry and Psychotherapy with 2 each (4%).

QLD's 46 awards represented approximately 23% of the 204 Certificates of Advanced Training awarded across the RANZCP overall cohort, reflecting QLD's significant contribution to advanced training completions nationally.

Table 31. Certificates of Advanced Training awarded by type and Certificate Zone (Jan – Dec 2025)

	QLD	RANZCP Overall
Overall	46	204
Addiction	6	21
Adult	2	6
Child and Adolescent	14	61
Consultation-Liaison	11	45
Forensic	5	18
Old Age	6	41
Psychotherapy	2	12

8. Specialist Training Program (STP)

The Specialist Training Program (STP) is an Australian Government initiative that supports specialist medical training in settings beyond traditional public teaching hospitals.

As providers of STP, posts must submit a report after each rotation; the numbers in this report could differ from those reported to the Department of Health and Aged Care. The program uses the Modified Monash (MM) classification to determine and report the geographical location of training posts, with MM1 denoting major cities and MM7 denoting very remote areas.

For Rotation 1 in 2025, QLD had 38.17 full-time equivalent (FTE) STP-funded positions supporting 8 trainees. This represented approximately 25% of the 149.83 FTE STP-funded positions nationally, reflecting QLD's substantial contribution to the STP. The majority of QLD STP positions were classified as MM1 (26.97 FTE, 71%), with a further 8.21 FTE (21%) classified as MM2. The remaining positions were distributed across MM4 to MM7, reflecting support for training in regional, rural, and remote settings.

Table 32. STP-Funded Positions by Modified Monash Classification (Rotation 1, 2025)

	QLD	AUST
MM1	26.97	102.39
MM2	8.21	15.47
MM3	-	16.54
MM4	0.89	6.52
MM5	0.99	2.2
MM6	0.09	4.37
MM7	1.02	2.34
Overall	38.17	149.83

* MM1 is a major city, and MM7 is very remote. Areas classified MM2 to MM7 are rural or remote.

Table 33. Trainees Supported by STP Funding (Rotation 1, 2025)

	QLD	AUST
STP trainees Rotation 1, 2025	8	165

9. Integrated Rural Training Pipeline (IRTP) Program

The Integrated Rural Training Pipeline (IRTP) program is an Australian Government initiative designed to increase the number of psychiatry trainees and specialists in rural and regional areas.

Training posts funded in the IRTP program differ from the Specialist Training Program (STP) posts as the funding follows the trainee through multiple rotations at a health service.

As at the reporting date, 36 trainees nationally were funded through the IRTP program. Of these, 8 were QLD trainees, representing approximately 22% of the national IRTP-funded cohort. QLD's participation in the IRTP reflects the geographical breadth of the state and the importance of supporting rural and regional psychiatry training pathways.

Table 34. Total Trainees funded by the IRTP program

	QLD	AUST
Trainees	8	36