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Introduction and Background

The South Australia (SA) 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, 27 trainees commenced the SA Fellowship training program, an increase of 2 trainees compared with 2024. Table 1 compares the SA and RANZCP-wide training intakes for 2025 and 2024. In contrast to the RANZCP-wide decline of approximately 6%, SA recorded a modest increase of 8%, continuing a recovery from the lower intake of 22 recorded in 2023.

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 SA training intake over the longer-term period from 2013 to 2025. After starting at 14 in 2013, the SA intake grew gradually before reaching 27 in 2022. A dip to 22 in 2023 was followed by recovery to 25 in 2024 and 27 in 2025, matching the previous peak recorded in 2022.

Table 1. SA Training Intakes

	SA	RANZCP Overall
2025	27	429
2024	25	455
Difference	2	-26

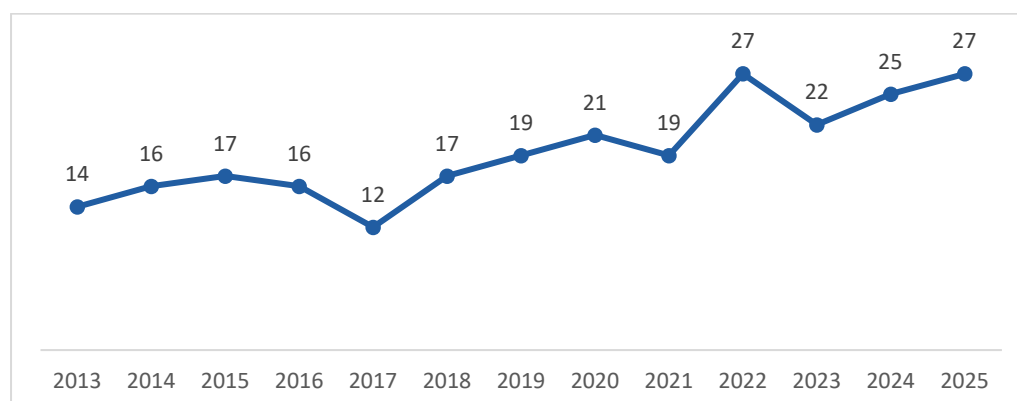


Figure 1. SA Training Intake (2013–2025)

2. RANZCP Fellowship Program Numbers

As at 4 February 2026, the SA Fellowship training program had 178 active trainees. Of these, 177 trainees (99%) were undertaking the 2012 Fellowship program, while 1 trainee was continuing under the transitioned arrangements from the 2003 program.

Within the SA 2012 program cohort, Stage 3 was the most populated stage, with 65 trainees (37%), followed by Stage 2 with 58 trainees (33%) and Stage 1 with 54 trainees (31%). Collectively, 70% of SA trainees on the 2012 program were in Stages 2 or 3. The stage distribution is relatively even, with a modest weighting towards more advanced stages of the Fellowship program.

Compared with the RANZCP overall trainee population, SA represents approximately 7% of all active trainees nationally, reflecting its position as a mid-sized training jurisdiction.

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

	SA	RANZCP Overall
2012 Program	177	2685
Stage 1	54	737
Stage 2	58	963
Stage 3	65	985

Transitioned	1	38
Stage 1	-	0
Stage 2	-	1
Stage 3	1	37
Overall	178	2723
Stage 1	54	737
Stage 2	58	964
Stage 3	66	1022

As at 4 February 2026, the SA trainee cohort comprised 80 men and 96 women among those who disclosed their gender, with women outnumbering men. No SA trainees were recorded as non-binary or gender diverse, or as preferring not to say.

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

	SA	RANZCP Overall
Man	80	1263
Non-binary/ gender diverse	-	10
Prefer not to say	-	9
Woman	96	1441

3. Assessments

3.1 Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) Examination

The MCQ Examination was conducted in March and September 2025. SA candidates completed 36 assessments across the two rounds, comprising 27 in March and 9 in September, with pass rates of 96% in March and 100% in September.

SA exceeded the RANZCP-wide pass rate in both rounds. The March pass rate of 96% was above the national rate of 90%, and the September pass rate of 100% was above the corresponding RANZCP-wide rate of 93%. The strong performance across both rounds indicates robust MCQ examination outcomes for SA candidates in 2025, noting that the relatively small number of SA assessments in September (9) should be considered when interpreting round-specific results.

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

March	SA	RANZCP Overall
Assessments	27	296
Pass	26	267
Pass Rate (%)	96%	90%

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

September	SA	RANZCP Overall
Assessments	9	257
Pass	9	238
Pass Rate (%)	100%	93%

3.2 Modified Essay Question (MEQ) Examination

The MEQ Examination was conducted in March and September 2025. SA candidates completed 7 assessments in March and 18 in September, totalling 25 assessments across both rounds. All SA MEQ assessments were from trainees; no SA SIMG MEQ assessments were recorded in either round. The overall SA pass rate improved from 71% in March to 89% in September.

The March trainee pass rate of 71% was below the RANZCP-wide trainee rate of 82%, while the September pass rate of 89% substantially exceeded both the corresponding RANZCP-wide trainee rate of 76% and the RANZCP overall rate of 72%. The improvement in trainee outcomes between rounds is a strong and positive indicator for SA. The absence of SA SIMG MEQ assessments in both rounds is consistent with the SA SIMG profile for 2025.

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

March	SA	RANZCP Overall
Assessments -trainees	7	217
Pass	5	178
Pass Rate (%)	71%	82%
Assessments -SIMGs (Partial comparability)	-	56
Pass	-	35
Pass Rate (%)	-	63%
Total Assessments	7	273
Pass	5	213
Pass Rate (%)	71%	78%

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

September	SA	RANZCP Overall
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Assessments -trainees	18	298
Pass	16	225
Pass Rate (%)	89%	76%
Assessments -SIMGs (Partial comparability)	-	45
Pass	-	23
Pass Rate (%)	-	51%
Total Assessments	18	343
Pass	16	248
Pass Rate (%)	89%	72%

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

The CCA-MPR was conducted in April and September 2025. SA completed 8 assessments in April and 5 in September, totalling 13 assessments for the year. All SA assessments were from trainees; no SA SIMG CCA-MPR assessments were recorded. All 13 SA assessments were successful, resulting in a 100% success rate across both rounds.

The SA 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 13 SA assessments is consistent with the assessment's programmatic design and reflects sustained engagement of SA trainees in portfolio-based learning. SA accounted for approximately 4% of all national CCA-MPR assessments in both April and September.

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

April	SA	RANZCP Overall
Trainees	8	169
Successful	8	166
Unsuccessful	0	3
SIMGs	0	34
Successful	0	33
Unsuccessful	0	1
Overall	8	203
Successful	8	199
Unsuccessful	0	4

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

September	SA	RANZCP Overall
Trainees	5	111
Successful	5	110
Unsuccessful	0	1
SIMGs	0	27
Successful	0	26
Unsuccessful	0	1
Overall	5	138
Successful	5	136
Unsuccessful	0	2

3.4 Psychotherapy Written Case (PWC)

PWC submissions from SA candidates were recorded across four rounds in 2025: February, May, August, and November. A total of 31 SA submissions were assessed during the year, with outcomes varying across rounds.

The SA pass rate was 67% in February (RANZCP: 68%), 75% in May (RANZCP: 64%), 70% in August (RANZCP: 73%) and 73% in November (RANZCP: 73%). SA exceeded the RANZCP-wide rate in May and matched it in November, while performing marginally below the national rate in February and August. November recorded the highest SA submission volume at 11, indicating active progression through this assessment requirement across the trainee cohort.

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

February	SA	RANZCP Overall
Assessments	6	98
Pass	4	67
Pass Rate (%)	67%	68%

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

May	SA	RANZCP Overall
Assessments	4	109
Pass	3	70
Pass Rate (%)	75%	64%

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

August	SA	RANZCP Overall
Assessments	10	149
Pass	7	109
Pass Rate (%)	70%	73%

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

November	SA	RANZCP Overall
Assessments	11	137
Pass	8	100
Pass Rate (%)	73%	73%

3.5 Scholarly Project (SP)

a. Submission results

During 2025, 18 Scholarly Project submissions were assessed from SA trainees across three rounds: 4 in March, 6 in July, and 8 in November.

In March, all 4 submissions were successful, resulting in a 100% pass rate (RANZCP: 90%). In July, 5 of 6 submissions were successful, yielding an SA pass rate of 83%, which slightly exceeded the RANZCP-wide rate of 81%. In November, 4 of 8 submissions were successful, resulting in a pass rate of 50% (RANZCP: 78%). The November outcome was notably below the national rate and was driven in part by lower pass rates across Literature Review (40%) and Case Series (50%) project types. Across all three SA submission rounds, 13 of 18 submissions were successful, for an overall pass rate of 72%.

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

March	SA	RANZCP Overall
Assessments	4	100
Pass	4	90
Pass Rate (%)	100%	90%

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

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

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

July	SA	RANZCP Overall
Assessments	6	91
Pass	5	74
Pass Rate (%)	83%	81%

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

Project type	Submissions	Pass Rate
Case Series	1	100%
Literature Review	2	50%
Qualitative or Quantitative Research	3	100%
Quality Assurance or Clinical Audit	-	-

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

November	SA	RANZCP Overall
Assessments	8	130
Pass	4	102
Pass Rate (%)	50%	78%

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

Project type	Submissions	Pass Rate
Case Series	2	50%
Literature Review	5	40%
Qualitative or Quantitative Research	1	100%
Quality Assurance or Clinical Audit	-	-
Other	-	-

b. Proposals and exemptions

During 2025, 17 Scholarly Project proposals from SA trainees were approved. Qualitative or Quantitative Research was the most common project type, accounting for 9 proposals (53%), followed by Literature Reviews with 6 proposals (35%) and Case Series with 2 proposals (12%). No proposals were recorded in the Quality Assurance or Clinical Audit or Other categories.

Table 20. Approved SP proposals by project type

Project Type	Jan – Dec 2025
Case Series	2
Literature Review	6
Qualitative or Quantitative Research	9
Quality Assurance or Clinical Audit	-
Other	-

During 2025, 7 SA trainees applied for an exemption from the Scholarly Project requirement, and 6 exemptions were granted, resulting in an approval rate of 86%. This was marginally above the RANZCP-wide approval rate of 85%. The SA exemption approval rate of 86% is broadly consistent with the national average, indicating that SA applications were largely compliant with the required criteria. SA accounted for 7 of the 93 exemption applications received nationally, representing approximately 8% of the national total.

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

	SA	RANZCP Overall
Exemptions	7	93
Granted	6	79
Granted (%)	86%	85%

4. Specialist International Medical Graduates Program Enrolment

No SIMGs commenced a pathway towards Fellowship in SA during 2025. SA recorded no new SIMG pathway assessments in the reporting period.

As a result, SA did not contribute to the 102 SIMG pathway assessments recorded across the RANZCP overall cohort in 2025.

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

	SA	RANZCP Overall
Overall	-	102
Partially	-	37
Substantially	-	65

As no SIMG pathway commencements were recorded in SA during 2025, Table 23 contains no SA-specific data on country of highest specialist qualification.

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

Country	Partially	Substantially	Overall
-	-	-	-
Overall	-	-	-

5. Specialist International Medical Graduates Numbers

As at 13 February 2026, SA had no active SIMGs on record.

The absence of active SIMGs in SA at the reporting date is consistent with no new SIMG pathway commencements having been recorded in the jurisdiction during 2025.

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

	SA	RANZCP Overall
SIMGs	-	195
Partially	-	116
Substantially	-	79

As no active SIMGs were recorded in SA at the reporting date, gender data for the SA SIMG cohort are not applicable.

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

	SA	RANZCP Overall
Man	-	-
Non-binary/ gender diverse	-	-
Woman	-	-
Prefer not to say	-	-

6. New Fellows

During 2025, 16 new Fellows associated with SA were admitted to Fellowship of the RANZCP. Of these, 14 completed the Fellowship training program pathway (all via the 2012 program), and 2 completed a SIMG pathway, both via the substantially comparable pathway.

SA's 16 new Fellows represented approximately 4% of the 417 new Fellows across the RANZCP overall cohort. Within the SA cohort, SIMG pathways accounted for 13% of new Fellows, with both SIMG admissions achieved through the substantially comparable pathway.

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

	SA	RANZCP Overall
Training program	14	309
2012 program	14	305
Transitioned	-	4
SIMG pathway	2	108
Partial	-	48
Substantial	2	60
Overall (a) + (b)	16	417

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

Among the 16 SA new Fellows admitted in 2025, 8 were men, and 8 were women, representing an equal gender distribution.

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

	SA	RANZCP Overall
Man	8	235
Non-binary/ gender diverse	-	-
Prefer not to say	-	-
Woman	8	182

7. Certificates of Advanced Training

a. Enrolment

During 2025, 22 SA enrolments were recorded across Certificates of Advanced Training. Old Age Psychiatry was the most common certificate, with 7 enrolments (32%), followed by Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry with 4 (18%). Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Psychotherapy each recorded 3 enrolments (14% each), while Addiction Psychiatry and Forensic Psychiatry each recorded 2 (9%), and Adult Psychiatry recorded 1 enrolment (5%).

SA's 22 enrolments accounted for approximately 9% of the 235 Certificates of Advanced Training enrolments recorded across the RANZCP overall cohort.

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

	SA	RANZCP Overall
Overall	22	235
Addiction	2	29
Adult	1	18
Child and Adolescent	3	54
Consultation-Liaison	4	45
Forensic	2	20
Old Age	7	45
Psychotherapy	3	24

b. RANZCP Certificates of Advanced Training numbers

As at 4 February 2026, 55 SA members were undertaking 61 Certificates of Advanced Training, indicating that 6 members were concurrently enrolled in more than one certificate.

Old Age Psychiatry and Psychotherapy were jointly the most held certificates, each accounting for 15 of the 61 certificates (25%), followed by Forensic Psychiatry with 13 (21%). Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry accounted for 7 (11%) and Adult Psychiatry for 6 (10%), while Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Addiction Psychiatry represented smaller shares, with 3 (5%) and 2 (3%), respectively.

Of the 55 SA members undertaking certificates, 37 were trainees (67%), and 18 were Fellows (33%), indicating participation across both stages of the College membership lifecycle, with trainees comprising the majority.

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

	SA	RANZCP Overall
Overall	61	887
Addiction	2	70
Adult	6	89
Child and Adolescent	3	138
Consultation-Liaison	7	170
Forensic	13	151
Old Age	15	154
Psychotherapy	15	115

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

	SA	RANZCP Overall
Overall	55	825
Trainees	37	503
Fellows	18	322

c. Awards

During 2025, 12 Certificates of Advanced Training were awarded to SA members. Child and Adolescent Psychiatry was the most awarded certificate, with 5 awards (42%), followed by Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry with 3 (25%), Old Age Psychiatry with 2 (17%), and Forensic Psychiatry and Psychotherapy with 1 each (8%). No Addiction Psychiatry or Adult Psychiatry certificates were awarded during 2025.

SA's 12 awards represented approximately 6% of the 204 Certificates of Advanced Training awarded across the RANZCP overall cohort.

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

	SA	RANZCP Overall
Overall	12	204
Addiction	-	21
Adult	-	6
Child and Adolescent	5	61
Consultation-Liaison	3	45
Forensic	1	18
Old Age	2	41
Psychotherapy	1	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, SA had 8.00 full-time equivalent (FTE) STP-funded positions supporting 8 trainees. This represented approximately 5% of the 149.83 FTE STP-funded positions nationally. The majority of SA STP positions were classified as MM1 (4.10 FTE, 51%), reflecting the concentration of training in metropolitan Adelaide. A substantial proportion was classified as MM3 (2.52 FTE, 32%), with the remaining positions distributed across MM2, MM4, MM5, MM6 and MM7, indicating support for training across a range of rural and remote settings.

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

	SA	AUST
MM1	4.1	102.39
MM2	0.2	15.47
MM3	2.52	16.54
MM4	0.53	6.52
MM5	0.19	2.2
MM6	0.18	4.37
MM7	0.28	2.34
Overall	8	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)

	SA	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, 4 were SA trainees, representing approximately 11% of the national IRTP-funded cohort. SA's participation in the IRTP reflects the importance of supporting rural and regional psychiatry training pathways within the state.

Table 34. Total Trainees funded by the IRTP program

	SA	AUST
Trainees	4	36