

Regulation

RANZCP Affiliate membership



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PURPOSE

To regulate the category of RANZCP Affiliate membership for psychiatrists who hold specialist registration in either Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand, but who are not Fellows of the RANZCP or on the RANZCP's SIMG Specialist Pathway to Fellowship.

These Regulations set out:

- the rights, benefits, responsibilities, and procedures for Affiliate members; and
- the procedural and administrative arrangements for this membership category.

BACKGROUND

The RANZCP recognises the significant role that psychiatrists with international qualifications have in the Australian and Aotearoa New Zealand psychiatry workforce in providing mental health care for the community.

The RANZCP also recognises that many psychiatrists in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand who do not hold Fellowship of the RANZCP play essential roles in supporting the education and training of the next generation of psychiatrists through supervision and mentoring.

The RANZCP Constitution establishes the Affiliate membership category of RANZCP membership pursuant to Article 3.2.1(b). The Constitution allows for Affiliates to be a class of non-voting members, pursuant to Article 3.5 which states that:

3.5.1 The Board may admit as an Affiliate such registered medical practitioners without further examination, who have such higher qualifications and meet such other criteria as may be determined by the Board in accordance with Regulations. Affiliate Membership takes effect only upon payment of the prescribed fee.

3.5.2 An Affiliate shall be entitled to attend and speak but shall not be entitled to vote at General Meetings.

These Regulations are established by the Board for the purpose of regulating the Affiliate membership category in a unified and consistent manner across Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand.

The Membership Engagement Committee (MEC) is responsible for the oversight of the Affiliate membership category.

1. AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

- 1.1 The RANZCP Affiliate membership category is designed to ensure that specialist psychiatrists who have come from countries around the world are recognised, included, and supported as vital contributors to the psychiatry workforce in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand.
- 1.2 Once granted, Affiliate membership can be transferred between Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand, provided that the member continues to meet all the requirements as established in these Regulations, including the requirements for specialist registration.

- 1.3 Affiliate membership is not equivalent to Fellowship of the RANZCP, and it does not carry the same rights and privileges.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION

- 2.1 An applicant will be eligible to apply to the RANZCP for Affiliate membership if they:
- (a) are registered as a specialist psychiatrist in either Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand; and
 - (b) are not currently enrolled in the RANZCP Fellowship Training Program or on the RANZCP's SIMG Specialist Pathway to Fellowship; and
 - (c) are not a current or former RANZCP Fellow; and
 - (d) can be proposed and seconded by at least one RANZCP Fellow, and another RANZCP Fellow or Affiliate member; and
 - (e) are in good standing within their professional communities; and
 - (f) are currently registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) or the Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ); and
 - (g) have no outstanding financial or other liabilities to the RANZCP.
- 2.2 An applicant that meets all the criteria set out in 2.1(a)-(g) may apply to the Board for Affiliate membership of the RANZCP using the prescribed application form available on the RANZCP website.
- 2.3 A current or former RANZCP Fellow is ineligible to apply for Affiliate membership.

3. AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

- 3.1 The RANZCP may require an applicant to provide relevant information for the assessment of their application in a prescribed format, which may include:
- (a) curriculum vitae (CV) or resume;
 - (b) certified copies of psychiatric qualification/s;
 - (b) current employment as a specialist status (if applicable);
 - (b) RANZCP member proposer and member seconder information;
 - (c) health practitioner registration details;
 - (b) any past ethical or professional charges or findings/outcomes against them; and/or
 - (f) any other information deemed relevant by the RANZCP.
- 3.2 All completed and submitted applications for Affiliate membership will be considered and assessed by College staff and relevant College committees, as required.
- 3.3 The Board may admit as an Affiliate member an applicant who meets the prescribed criteria to hold this category of membership with the RANZCP.
- 3.4 Affiliate Membership commences only upon payment of the prescribed fee to the RANZCP.
- 3.5 The Board has the absolute right to refuse to admit to membership any person without giving any reason for that decision as set out in the RANZCP Constitution (Article 3.8).

4. FEES

- 4.1 Affiliate members are required to pay an annual subscription fee, as prescribed by the Board.
- 4.2 Failure to pay the prescribed annual subscription fee may result in termination of Affiliate membership.
- 4.3 The RANZCP reserves the right to waive or vary any applicable fees as may be necessary.

5. REQUIREMENT TO COMPLETE CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- 5.1 Affiliate members are required to undertake annual Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and to meet all CPD requirements that are in place for medical practitioners in Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand.
- 5.2 Affiliate members will be automatically enrolled in the RANZCP CPD Home at no additional cost.
- 5.3 The RANZCP reserves the right to audit and request further information from any Affiliate member about their CPD compliance.

6. AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP OBLIGATIONS

- 6.1 Notwithstanding Clause 7, Affiliate membership is only applicable whilst members remain practicing as a specialist psychiatrist in Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand and continue to meet the eligibility criteria set out in 2.1.
- 6.2 An Affiliate member is bound by the RANZCP Constitution and any Regulations or Bylaws made under the Constitution (both in spirit as well as in the letter), and agrees to promote the objects of the College to the best of their ability.
- 6.3 An Affiliate member is entitled to:
 - (a) join, chair and participate in specified College committees, and vote on committee business and decisions;
 - (b) attend and speak but shall not be entitled to vote at General Meetings;
 - (c) access and use a range of RANZCP member benefits as prescribed by the RANZCP; and
 - (d) refer to themselves as 'Affiliate Member, RANZCP'.
- 6.4 Affiliate members must not use the post-nominals 'FRANZCP', or state, hold out, or imply that they are a Fellow of the RANZCP in any capacity whatsoever.

7. RETIREMENT

- 7.1 An Affiliate member who completely and permanently retires from practice as a specialist psychiatrist may apply for Retired Affiliate member status. The processes and requirements set out in the RANZCP's 'Application for Retired Fellow Status' will also apply to Affiliate members.
- 7.2 An Affiliate member who completely and permanently retires from practice must notify the College of their retirement in the manner and form prescribed by the RANZCP. Once approved, a Retired Affiliate Member can retain their RANZCP membership and be exempt from any professional development requirements.

8. CESSATION OR SUSPENSION OF AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

- 8.1 The Board may at any time cease or suspend the RANZCP membership of an Affiliate member, or warn, counsel, or censure an Affiliate member, for any reason as set out in the RANZCP Constitution (Article 5.2.1), or if they:

- (a) fail to pay the prescribed RANZCP annual membership fee;
- (b) cease to be registered with the AHPRA or the MCNZ;
- (c) have a finding of professional misconduct made against them;
- (d) are found guilty by a court of a criminal offence; or
- (e) engage in any other form of conduct that is unbecoming of members or is prejudicial to the objects or interests of the RANZCP.

9. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

- RANZCP Constitution
- RANZCP Code of Ethics
- RANZCP Code of Conduct
- Procedure for Referral of Matters to the Membership Conduct Committee

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