SENIOR FELLOW ROLE DESCRIPTION

Time-limited Affiliates Pathway to Fellowship

The Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Psychiatrists

Affiliates are required to satisfactorily complete 1 (one) Case Based Discussion (CbD) in order to gain Fellowship status.

The CbD is independently conducted by an accredited Assessor, who is not known to the candidate, and is a Fellow of the RANZCP as well as one Senior Fellow (10+ years).

Each CbD will usually take up to 90 minutes to complete, including time for feedback and marking. CbDs will be conducted online only.

Assessors and Senior Fellows are paid an honorarium for the completion of each CbD.

APPOINTMENT OF SENIOR FELLOWS

Applications to become a Senior Fellow must be completed and submitted to the Substantial Comparability Assessment Review Panel (SCARP) and Tū Te Akaaka Roa New Zealand National Committee for consideration.

Senior Fellows are approved by the SCARP upon review of a brief Curriculum Vitae. Appointment as a Senior Fellow requires the applicant to:

- Hold Fellowship of the RANZCP.
- Have a minimum of ten (10) years' experience as a Fellow of the RANZCP or equivalent senior professional experience deemed appropriate by SCARP.
- Demonstrate experience in clinical leadership, supervision, training, mentoring, assessment, or other relevant professional activities.
- Complete any orientation or training requirements approved by the RANZCP.

SENIOR FELLOW ACCREDITATION

Assessor training is NOT required for Senior Fellows. However, all approved Senior Fellows are required to undertake any orientation activities specified by the RANZCP before participating in a CbD.

To maintain familiarity with the Affiliates Pathway assessment framework, Senior Fellows are expected to participate in assessment activities as required and remain familiar with current pathway requirements and assessment standards.

SENIOR FELLOW DUTIES

For each CbD, the Senior Fellow:

- Participates in the Case-based Discussion as a member of the assessment panel.
- Reviews the candidate's case summaries and supporting materials provided by the College prior to the CbD.
- Observes the assessment conducted by the accredited Assessor.
- Contributes to professional discussion during the CbD where appropriate.
- Provides a senior professional perspective based on their experience as a Fellow of the RANZCP.
- Supports a positive, respectful and collegiate assessment environment.
- Maintains confidentiality regarding all candidate information and assessment discussions.
- Declares any actual, potential or perceived conflicts of interest prior to participating in a CbD.
- Complies with all relevant College policies, procedures and confidentiality requirements.

The Senior Fellow role is not an assessor role. Responsibility for conducting, marking and reporting the outcome of the CbD rests with the accredited Assessor. The Senior Fellow participates as a member of the panel and contributes a senior professional perspective to the discussion.

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