

1. Background

This document outlines the entry requirements and prioritisation of applicants who apply to the RANZCP Certificate of Postgraduate Training in Clinical Psychiatry (the Certificate), should applications for the Certificate exceed the number of places available (depending on the number of supervisors).

Additionally, this document outlines the prioritisation of applicants who apply for a Scholarship funded by the Department of Health Disability and Ageing (the Department) should the number of applicants for a Scholarship exceed the funds available.

2. Application for Entry into the Certificate

2.1. As outlined in the Section 2 of the Certificate of Postgraduate Training in Clinical Psychiatry Policy, to be eligible to apply for the Certificate, applicants must:

- hold current general or current specialist registration as a medical practitioner in Australia
- be in their fifth or subsequent postgraduate year or
- be undertaking specialist medical college training other than through the RANZCP, and in your third or subsequent postgraduate year

and

be working with patients who require assessment and/or care and support in relation to their mental health.

2.2. Applicants must complete the Certificate Application for Entry to provide information on applicants' medical practice, education history and current work environment.

2.3. The Certificate Application for Entry responses and the required accompanying information will assist in the review of eligibility criteria and prioritisation of applicants for entry into the Certificate program.

3. Prioritisation of applicants

3.1. The prioritisation of applicants to the Certificate will occur should the number of applications exceed the number of places available to ensure the success of the program with adequate supervision.

3.2. Certificate applications will be prioritised to facilitate the outcomes of the program that address Psychiatry workforce shortages, as per the executed standing funding agreement with the Department of Health, Disability and Ageing (the Department)).

3.3. Where prioritisation is required, applicants may be prioritised based on the extent to which they:

- a) Have not completed previous education or training in mental health or psychiatry
- b) Work in settings with a high prevalence of patients presenting with mental health conditions
- c) Identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- d) Predominantly work:
 - with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People
 - in rural areas as per the Modified Monash Model 2019 (MM 2-7).

3.4. The Certificate of Postgraduate Training in Clinical Psychiatry Committee will oversee the approval of the applications received and recommended for enrolment in the Certificate.

4. Prioritisation of applicants for award of a Scholarship

- 4.1. The prioritisation of applicants for the award of a scholarship will occur if the number of applications exceed the available funding for that intake.
- 4.2. Scholarship applications will be prioritised in accordance with funding requirements set by the Department, including that a minimum of 50% of scholarships are awarded to applicants in MM2-7 areas
- 4.3. The Certificate of Postgraduate Training in Clinical Psychiatry Committee will oversee prioritisation and the award of scholarships.
- 4.4. In applying the above, the Committee may also consider:
- Workforce need and service delivery context
 - Alignment with the prioritisation principles criteria in Section 3

The Committee may consider additional factors where relevant to ensure alignment with program objectives and funding requirements.

5. Associated Documents

Policy: Certificate of Postgraduate Training in Clinical Psychiatry Policy

Forms: Certificate of Postgraduate Training in Clinical Psychiatry Application for Entry

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