

DRANZCOG/DRANZCOG Advanced Training & Assessment Bulletin

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Information for DRANZCOG/DRANZCOG Advanced Trainees, Training Supervisors, State Reference Committee Chairs, JCCO Members, JCCO Secretariat and Regional Training Providers.

Important note: The College is increasingly using email to communicate important information, so email addresses must be current and capable of receiving attachments. If you have updated your email address please contact Georgina Anderson at RANZCOG (ganderson@ranzcog.edu.au).

DRANZCOG and DRANZCOG Advanced Handbook

For all information on the syllabus and regulations for the DRANZCOG and DRANZCOG Advanced, the examination process and educational resources, trainees should consult the DRANZCOG & DRANZCOG Advanced (Diplomas for GPs) Handbook:

www.ranzcog.edu.au/trainees/diploma-trainees.shtml

Trainees are strongly encouraged to consult the website version of the handbook when checking current information or regulations.

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1. Dates for 2009

The dates of the remaining DRANZCOG examinations in 2009 are:

Written Examination: 11 August 2009

Oral Examination: 13 September 2009

2. Deadline for Examination Applications

Trainees wishing to sit the written or oral examinations in the second half of 2009 are reminded that the deadline for receipt of applications is 30 April 2009. Application forms will not be available on the website after that date and late applications WILL NOT be accepted.

3. Fees for 2009

DRANZCOG Training Fee:	\$180.00
DRANZCOG Advanced Training Fee: (12 months of training)	\$365.00
DRANZCOG Advanced Training Fee: (additional 6 months of training)	\$180.00

Written Examination:	\$345.00
Oral Examination:	\$1,040.00

4. Compulsory Three-Monthly Reports for Trainees

A regular three-monthly summative assessment report has been a non-compulsory assessment tool in the DRANZCOG/DRANZCOG Advanced training program for the past two years. These assessments are a compulsory requirement to ensure all Training Supervisors meet formally with their trainee(s) to review performance and progress, and document that assessment. This is intended to help ensure that

trainees experiencing difficulties are identified and given appropriate support.

The completed report should be sent to the relevant SRC Chair, who will then sign it and forward it to Training Services at College House, where it will be kept on file.

5. Completion of Training

Each trainee's logbook should be sent within four weeks of the completion of training to the relevant State Reference Committee (SRC) Chair for assessment and signing. The logbook will then be sent to College House, RANZCOG, before it is returned to the trainee. Trainees are encouraged to keep their logbook as it may be needed if they decide to apply for the DRANZCOG Advanced training and qualification.

Please note: It is the trainee's responsibility to apply for their certificate - it will not be automatically generated. Application forms are available on the RANZCOG website: www.ranzcog.edu.au/trainees/diploma-trainees.shtml#Certification

6. DRANZCOG Pre-Exam Revision & Update Course (Queensland)

The Queensland Regional Committee is running a DRANZCOG Revision and Update Course at the Hotel Grand Chancellor, 23 Leichhardt Street, Spring Hill on 20-24 July 2009.

The course is designed for those medical practitioners who intend to sit for the Diploma Examination in August 2009 and medical practitioners who wish to update their knowledge of current obstetrics and gynaecological practice. The course will cover examination techniques, contraception, infertility and encompasses a full week of informative and educational lectures.

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For further information including application details, please contact:

Executive Officer
Queensland Regional Committee
t: (07) 3252 3073
e: ranzcoqld@ranzcoq.edu.au

7. DRANZCOG Revision Course (Victoria)

The Victorian Regional Committee is holding a DRANZCOG Revision Courses in Melbourne on 29-31 July 2009.

For further information, please contact:

Ms Fran Watson
Executive Officer
Victorian Regional Committee
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8. DRANZCOG Revision Course (New South Wales)

The New South Wales Regional Committee is holding a DRANZCOG Revision Course at the Rydges Hotel, North Sydney 24-27 November 2009.

Please note:

- This course will be suitable only for DRANZCOG Examination candidates preparing for their Examinations
- The Organising Committee will not be applying to the RACGP for QA&CPD points

For further information, please contact:

Ms Lee Dawson
Executive Officer
New South Wales Regional Committee
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9. Training Supervisor Feedback

In the course of updating its records, the Training Services Department at RANZCOG (responsible for administering the Diploma training programs) has discovered that some practitioners listed on its database as DRANZCOG/DRANZCOG Advanced Training Supervisors are not actually supervisors - and vice-versa.

To ensure that the College's Training Supervisor database is as accurate as possible, all RANZCOG Fellows and Diplomates are being contacted by email to ascertain their involvement in supervision. Only those Fellows/Diplomates who are actually supervising DRANZCOG/DRANZCOG Advanced trainees are asked to respond to the email.

Any queries about this should be directed to:

Ms Katherine Goodwin
Training Services, RANZCOG
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10. DRANZCOG Advanced Training Supervisors

Each DRANZCOG Advanced trainee requires two supervisors - a GP obstetrician and a specialist obstetrician. The Joint Consultative Committee on Obstetrics, which oversees the DRANZCOG/DRANZCOG Advanced training programs, has asked that all trainees and supervisors be reminded that the specialist obstetrician MUST be a Fellow of the RANZCOG. This is in line with requirements for RANZCOG Membership/Fellowship training.

11. Accredited Training Sites

Training for DRANZCOG and DRANZCOG Advanced can only take place at hospitals accredited for that purpose by the Joint Consultative Committee on Obstetrics. For

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an up to date list of all accredited hospitals please refer to the College website: www.ranzcog.edu.au/trainees/diploma-trainees.shtml

IMPORTANT NOTE: The fact that a hospital is accredited for DRANZCOG training does not automatically mean that it is also accredited for DRANZCOG Advanced training, so DRANZCOG trainees planning to go on to do the DRANZCOG Advanced should not assume that they can do this at their current hospital. Trainees should always check the list of accredited hospitals before making their training plans.

12. Roles and Responsibilities of the Training Supervisor

An information sheet is available which gives precise information on all the duties and responsibilities of DRANZCOG and DRANZCOG Advanced Training Supervisors. View/download a copy of this information sheet: www.ranzcog.edu.au/fellows/pdfs/training-supervisors/Role-DRANZCOG-Training%20Supervisors.pdf

An information pack, which includes the information sheet, the DRANZCOG/DRANZCOG Advanced Handbook and logbooks is sent out to each newly appointed Training Supervisor, so that he/she is quite clear on what is expected.

Any new or existing supervisor who is unsure of their responsibilities or would like advice on a particular matter should contact:

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13. SRC Chairs

NSW	Dr Michele Batey c/- NSW Regional Committee, RANZCOG t: (02) 9436 1688 e: admin@ranzcog.nsw.edu.au
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(including provision of logbooks and all training matters)

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