

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

DRANZCOG Written Examination - 10 February 2009
DRANZCOG Oral Examination - 19 April 2009

DRANZCOG Written Examination - 11 August 2009
DRANZCOG Oral Examination - 13 September 2009

2. 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

3. 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. The Joint Consultative Committee, which oversees Diploma training, recently decided to make these assessments a compulsory requirement to ensure all Training Supervisors meet formally with their trainee(s) to review performance and progress, and document that assessment. This will help to 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.

Accordingly, the three-monthly form has been revised and trainees should ensure they use the current version, which is available on the RANZCOG website: www.ranzcog.edu.au/trainees/pdfs/diploma/dranzcog-three-monthly-assessment.pdf

4. 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

5. Training for the Advanced Diploma

Are You a DRANZCOG Holder (i.e. Diploma of O&G)?

Have you thought about upgrading your skills and doing the DRANZCOG Advanced training program?

The training program offers extended training for GP obstetricians who wish to:

- manage complicated labours when they arise;
- perform LUSCS (Elective and Emergency) safely and confidently;
- provide support for GP obstetricians when specialist obstetricians are unavailable;

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- perform laparotomies in emergency gynaecological situations; and
- in special circumstances, be able to perform laparoscopies and/or colposcopies.

To obtain the DRANZCOG Advanced you need to:

- undertake 6 months of supervised in-hospital training;
- complete the required number of clinical procedures as detailed in the DRANZCOG Advanced logbook (which has to be checked and signed off by the relevant State Reference Committee Chair);
- satisfactorily complete five written case studies, which have been assessed by the relevant State Reference Committee Chair.

Further details and application forms can be found on the RANZCOG website: www.ranzcog.edu.au/trainees/diploma-trainees.shtml

6. 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.

7. DRANZCOG Pre-Examination and GP Revision Course, New South Wales

The New South Wales Regional Committee is running a DRANZCOG Pre-Examination Revision Course in Sydney from 2-5 December 2008.

For further information including application details, please contact:

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NSW Regional Committee
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8. 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 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.

9. 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

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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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10. SRC Chairs

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