

DRANZCOG/DRANZCOG Advanced Training & Assessment Bulletin

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

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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.

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 Katherine Goodwin at RANZCOG (kgoodwin@ranzcog.edu.au).

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1. Changes to DRANZCOG Regulations

The following regulation changes and new regulations were ratified at the November 2009 meeting of College Council.

2.3.4 *DRANZCOG Regulation 2.3.4, which relates to alternative practice-based training for experienced general medical practitioners, has been revised to read:*

Trainees in this category must have an approved DRANZCOG Training Supervisor as per Regulations 2.5.1 and 2.5.2.

~~An appropriate Training Supervisor must be nominated by every trainee and approved by the SRC.~~

2.5 Training Supervisors

2.5.1 Training Supervisors for DRANZCOG trainees must be either a Fellow of the RANZCOG or hold the DRANZCOG Advanced qualification. They must also be in active obstetric practice in the hospital where the trainee is undertaking DRANZCOG training. When completing training application forms, prospective trainees can only nominate as their supervisor practitioners who have been formally approved for the role as per Regulation 2.5.2 below.

~~Training Supervisors must be in active obstetric practice in the hospital of the trainee and hold a recognized postgraduate qualification in obstetrics.~~

2.5.2 The appointment of new Training Supervisors must be approved by the Training, Accreditation and Recertification Subcommittee of the Conjoint Committee for the Diploma of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (CCDOG) for recommendation to the CCDOG Executive and, through that body,

the RANZCOG Council. Applications for approval must be made to the Training, Accreditation and Recertification Subcommittee using the appropriate application form, accompanied by a current Curriculum Vitae. Training Supervisors are required to perform the supervisory/assessment/training certification functions detailed in the RANZCOG document *Essential Information for DRANZCOG/DRANZCOG Advanced Training Supervisors – Role and Responsibilities*.

~~Training Supervisors are appointed by the SRC following nomination by the training hospital and are responsible for assessing the trainee's experience on a regular basis. They are also responsible for certifying that trainees have satisfactorily completed their training, including completion of the minimum number of procedures and completed the In-training Skills Assessment as stipulated in regulation 3.1.3.~~

2. Changes to DRANZCOG Advanced Regulations

The following regulation change and new regulation were ratified at the November 2009 meeting of College Council.

4 Training Supervisors

4.1 Two Training Supervisors are required for each DRANZCOG Advanced trainee: a specialist obstetrician supervisor, who must be a Fellow of the RANZCOG, and a GP obstetrician supervisor/mentor. Ideally, both the specialist supervisor and the GP obstetrician supervisor/mentor should be in active obstetric practice in the hospital where the trainee is undertaking DRANZCOG Advanced training. However, in situations where no GP supervisor/mentor is attached to the hospital or even located in the area the Training, Accreditation and Recertification Subcommittee of the Conjoint Committee for the Diploma of

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Obstetrics and Gynaecology (CCDOG) may approve a remote supervision/mentoring arrangement. Such approval would be given on the proviso that the following requirements are met:

- the GP supervisor/mentor is in regular phone/email contact with the trainee and with the specialist supervisor;
- he or she regularly sights the trainee's logbook via fax or email; and
- the GP supervisor/mentor is involved in regular case discussions with the trainee and the specialist supervisor.

When completing training application forms, prospective trainees can only nominate as their supervisors practitioners who have been formally approved for the role as per Regulation 4.2 below.

~~There are two Training Supervisors for the DRANZCOG Advanced, a specialist obstetrician (who must be a Fellow of the RANZCOG), and a GP clinical supervisor.~~

- 4.2 The appointment of both new specialist obstetrician supervisors and GP obstetrician supervisors/mentors must be approved by the Training, Accreditation and Recertification Subcommittee of the Conjoint Committee for the Diploma of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (CCDOG) for recommendation to the CCDOG Executive and, through that body, the RANZCOG Council. Applications for approval must be made to the Training, Accreditation and Recertification Subcommittee using the appropriate application form, accompanied by a current Curriculum Vitae. Training Supervisors are required to perform the supervisory/assessment/training certification functions detailed in the RANZCOG document

Essential Information for DRANZCOG/DRANZCOG Advanced Training Supervisors - Role and Responsibilities.

3. Content Developers Needed

The College is currently rewriting the DRANZCOG and DRANZCOG Advanced curricula. As part of this process, the new courses will be supported by online modules.

The Education and Assessment Subcommittee is responsible for the creation of the new curricula and needs your help. The new curricula have been organised into 13 modules, each of which require development of interactive and up-to-date material to be delivered online. The Subcommittee is calling for volunteers to contribute their professional expertise to the development of this online material.

By volunteering to contribute to this important College process, volunteers will be able to cite their contributions on their CV and help the College support women's health care and the training of future Diplomates. Small teams of content developers are being sought to fulfill this role. Direction and ongoing support will be provided by the editors of each module and College House staff.

Anyone from senior registrars, to Training Supervisors, RANZCOG Fellows and DRANZCOG holders are encouraged to participate.

If you are interested in contributing to the College in this way please contact:

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4. Written Examination Venues

From the first examination in 2010 all RANZCOG written examinations (Diploma, Membership and Subspecialties) will be held only in centres where there is a RANZCOG regional office.

That is: Adelaide, Brisbane, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney and Wellington.

5. Accredited Training Sites

Training for DRANZCOG and DRANZCOG Advanced can only take place at hospitals accredited for that purpose by the Conjoint Committee for the Diploma of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and the RANZCOG Council. For an up to date list of all accredited hospitals please refer to the College website: www.ranzcog.edu.au/trainees/diploma-trainees.shtml

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.

6. Compulsory Three-Monthly Reports for Trainees

All DRANZCOG/DRANZCOG Advanced trainees are required to undertake a compulsory three-monthly formative assessment. These assessments are necessary 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.

7. 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

8. 2010 Examination Dates and Fees

DRANZCOG Written Examination - \$365.00
9 February 2010 (applications closed)
10 August 2010

DRANZCOG Oral Examination - \$1,100.00
18 April 2010 (applications closed)
12 September 2010

Special Consideration Fee - \$180.00

9. 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

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obstetrician MUST be a Fellow of the RANZCOG. This is in line with requirements for RANZCOG Membership/Fellowship training.

10. 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-drancog-supervisors.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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