**Cessation of Overarching Covid19 Decision Making Principles**

At the start of 2020, RACS implemented a set of overarching principles to guide decisions on education and training matters that would be impacted by the Covid19 pandemic. The principles sought to minimise and manage the adversity of the pandemic on individuals.

The overarching principles have proven enormously helpful in ensuring fairness, consistency and transparency in decisions affecting Trainees, Specialist International Medical Graduates, applicants for SET selection, Supervisors and accredited Hospital Training Posts.

Currently, as disruption from Covid19 lessens, the need to rely on the overarching principles has reduced considerably. The Education Committee, after consultation with various stakeholders, has decided to retire the overarching principles from the 30 June 2023.

Decisions on education and training will therefore be made according to existing policies and regulations without the need for the overarching principles.

It is, however recognised that beyond June 2023 there may continue to be occasions when individuals or situations are indeed adversely affected by circumstances related to Covid19. In these instances, RACS will take into account the specific circumstance and continue to apply principles of fairness and due process in its decision making.

RACS remains aware that Covid19 will have a presence in our training environment for a while yet and the Education Committee will continue to monitor this into the future.

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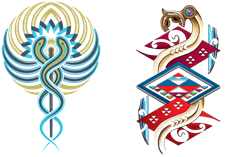
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