

2027 Intake
2026 Guide to Surgical
Selection



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Introduction

Welcome to the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) and thank you for your interest in a career in surgery.

A career in surgery is both challenging and highly rewarding. Surgeons are able to make a profound impact on the lives of individuals and contribute to the health and well-being of entire communities.

Surgery continues to be a highly sought-after career path for prevocational doctors and attracts exceptional candidates each year. In 2025, RACS received 667 applications, with 229 offers made for trainees to commence in 2026.

This guide provides an overview of the RACS Surgical Education and Training (SET) selection process across the nine surgical specialties. It is designed to help prospective candidates understand the key requirements, stages and expectations of the selection process.

We hope this guide supports you on your journey toward becoming a surgeon in Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand, and helps you navigate the selection process with confidence.

We wish you every success in your studies and your application.

RACS Overview

RACS' purpose is to promote excellence in surgical training and practice in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand.

RACS represents around 7,200 Surgeons and 1,300 surgical Trainees and Specialist International Medical Graduates (SIMGs).

Training is offered in nine surgical specialties through the Surgical Education and Training (SET) program:

- **Cardiothoracic Surgery**
- **General Surgery**
- **Neurosurgery**
- **Orthopaedic Surgery**
- **Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery**
- **Paediatric Surgery**
- **Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery**
- **Urology**
- **Vascular Surgery**

RACS conducts selection, training and assessment to ensure that Trainees become competent surgeons who provide safe, comprehensive surgical care of the highest standard.

Values

The values at RACS are the strong beliefs of our organisation. They describe the way in which our Fellows, Trainees and staff behave, interact and work together and determine the culture of the College. Our values are held in high regard by everyone within the organisation.



The SET Program

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) is accredited by the Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ) and the Australian Medical Council (AMC) to train surgeons and maintain surgical standards in Aotearoa New Zealand and Australia. RACS conducts selection, training and assessment to ensure that surgical Trainees become competent surgeons who provide safe, comprehensive surgical care of the highest standard to the communities we serve.

While RACS is the body accredited by the AMC and the MCNZ, responsibility for the delivery of the SET program in each surgical specialty is devolved to the specialty societies with oversight from the RACS specialty training boards.

Surgical Trainees work and train in hospitals under the supervision of experienced surgeons. During their period of training, they progress in levels of competency to become a practising specialist surgeon.

The main components of SET are:

- clinical placements (or rotations) in accredited hospital training posts
- short courses
- research
- assessments – including work-based assessments and examinations (generic or specialty-specific)

How do I become a Surgeon?

To become a surgeon in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand you must first complete a medical degree and gain general medical registration to be able practise as a doctor.

Please refer to the following websites for current information on how to obtain general, unconditional medical registration.

- in Australia:
[Australian Medical Council \(AMC\)](#)
[Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency \(AHPRA\)](#)
- in Aotearoa New Zealand:
[Medical Council of New Zealand \(MCNZ\)](#)

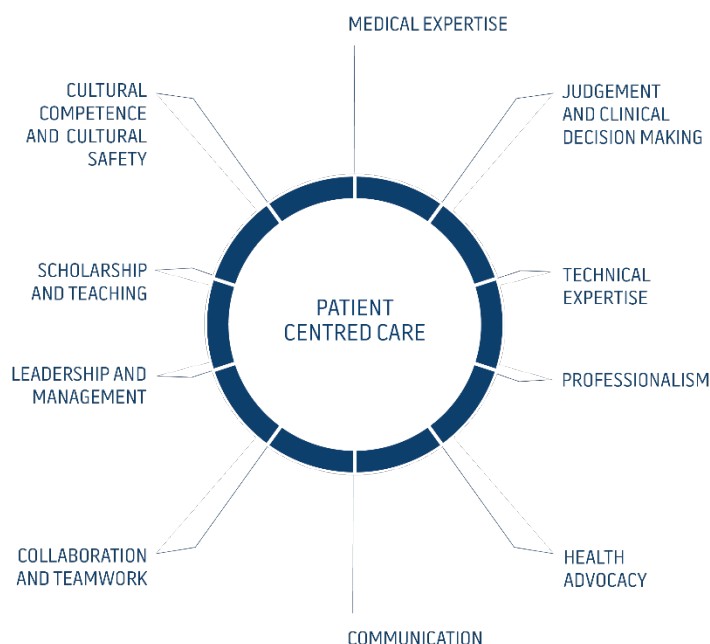
Although your ability to apply to the SET program is not linked to a postgraduate year (PGY) level, doctors in PGY3 and beyond will typically have achieved the required specialty prerequisites. As requirements for each individual specialty differs, it is important to make sure that you check the specific requirements outlined by the specialty you are applying for. These are available in their Selection regulations which are updated annually.

If your application to enter the SET program is successful, you will train in one of the nine surgical specialties. This training occurs primarily in public hospitals and usually takes between four and seven years, depending on the specialty.

Upon successful completion of all the SET program requirements, you can then apply to become a Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (FRACS) and will be accredited to practise independently as a consultant surgeon.

RACS Competencies

The SET program is underpinned by ten RACS competencies.



SET Trainees are expected to progress during training against each of the competencies. Further details on the [RACS competencies](#) are available on the RACS website and in the [Surgical Competence and Performance](#) Guide.

Pathways to Surgical Training

JDocs by RACS

JDocs is a suite of resources offered by RACS to doctors who are interested in pursuing surgery as a career.

The JDocs Framework is aligned to the RACS Core Competencies and provides the ePortfolio to progressively guide pre-vocational doctors through the required skills, knowledge and behaviours expected for entry to SET.

The ePortfolio enables subscribers to track and monitor progress against the JDocs Framework and supports doctors to progressively assemble evidence of their achievements, work-based assessments and experiences to build their professional profile. Subscribers also have access to GSSE Examination resources, over 20 RACS online modules, MALT and select RACS Library resources.

Visit [JDocs](#) or contact jdocs@surgeons.org for further information.

Essential Surgical Skills (ESS)

The [Essential Surgical Skills Document](#) outlines the surgical skills that should be achieved before applying for the SET program. The guide is useful for doctors to build a portfolio in preparation for application to the SET program.

The JDocs website contains videos demonstrating instrument handling, standard precautions, suturing, knot tying and incisions/excisions.

Indigenous Scholarships Program

RACS and the Foundation for Surgery fund a [number of scholarships and awards](#) to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander medical students, junior doctors, and SET Trainees.

Some of the program awards for prevocational doctors are:

- [Career Enhancement Grant for Medical Students](#)
- [Career Enhancement Grant for Junior Doctors](#)
- [Johnson & Johnson MedTech Scholarship](#)

More information is available in the [Indigenous Scholarships brochure](#).

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Selection Initiative

Indigenous people are under-represented in the health workforce of Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand. To meet the needs of all Australian and Aotearoa New Zealand communities, the surgical workforce needs greater representation from Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander, and Māori peoples.

RACS' [Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Surgical Trainee Selection Initiative](#) is designed to address the low participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctors in the surgical specialties.

Individual Specialty Training Committees/Boards may implement a selection initiative to expand opportunities for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders to enter training. Specialties may set aside posts for applicants who in the registration stage:

- identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander,
- meet the eligibility requirements for membership of Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association (AIDA), and
- meet the minimum standards for appointment as defined by the Specialty Training Committee/Board.

The Indigenous Health Committee is working with the [Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association](#) (AIDA) and the [Māori Medical Practitioners Association of Aotearoa](#) (Te ORA) to promote surgery as a career to Indigenous doctors. For more information about RACS Closing the Gap initiatives, refer to the activities of the [Indigenous Health Committee](#) on the RACS website.

See [Contacts](#) in Appendix 4 for more information.

Australian – Indigenous Surgical Pathways (AISP)

The AISP Program aims to reduce the professional health workforce inequity faced by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people in Australia.

It is a long-term, multi-pronged initiative that recognises the need to support those wishing to contribute to health equity for First Australians. The solution is, in part, changing culture to honour the rights and value the amazing contributions First Australians have to offer.

The AISP pilot project is being led by the Royal Darwin Hospital. Health service, departmental and mentorship standards will be defined and, ultimately, a package will be developed to be introduced and applied Australia-wide.

More information on the AISP can be found [here](#).

Rural Health Equity Strategic Action Plan

RACS acknowledges its social responsibility to address health inequity through its levers of selecting, training, retaining, and collaborating for rural surgical services and rural communities. It's well known that rural people have poorer health outcomes than urban people. They have all kinds of surgical problems which need the care of all kinds of surgeons.

The RACS Rural Health Equity Strategy aims to improve health equity for remote, rural, and regional/provincial people in Australia and New Zealand. The strategy embeds actions for rural health equity in all RACS activities and across all specialties.

Read the [Rural Health Equity Strategic Action Plan](#).



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SET Selection Process

Information about SET selection is published in November each year. The selection of SET Trainees is an annual competitive process that commences in January and concludes in September for most specialities. The selection process for each specialty has at least five stages. The order of these may vary between specialties.

Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• January (all specialties)
Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• February - March<ul style="list-style-type: none">• refer to Specialty Selection regulations for exact dates
Referee Reporting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• April - May<ul style="list-style-type: none">• refer to Specialty Selection regulations for exact dates
Semi-structured Interviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• May - July<ul style="list-style-type: none">• refer to Specialty Selection regulations for exact dates
Announcement of offers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• July - November

Refer to the [Applying for the 2027 SET Intake](#) webpage for selection registration dates.

Registration and Application Fees

You must register every year if you wish to submit an application for selection that year. There is a non-refundable fee payable at the time of registration (which covers all specialties you have registered for).

Each application for Selection (to each individual surgical specialty) will incur a separate non-refundable fee. [Fees](#) for applications accepted through the RACS online application form are available on the RACS website. All other specialties will publish their own selection processing fees on their webpages.

Each individual specialty page in this Guide includes a link to their Specialty Selection Regulations and to their Guidelines. Follow these links for more information about the particular specialty.

Registration

Online Registration Form

To apply for the SET program, you must register your interest via the [online RACS portal](#) each year. No registrations are accepted after the published closing date.

Note: The Registration Form is only available during the selection registration period.

The Registration Form captures:

- your contact details
- evidence that you have meet the generic eligibility requirements for SET Selection
- the surgical specialties that you would like to apply to

Registration for Specialties with Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand

There is no limit to the number of specialties you can select at the registration stage. You are not required to submit an application for all the specialties you register for however if you have not registered for a particular specialty, you cannot submit an application for it in the current selection year. Some surgical specialties limit the number of **applications** that you can submit (if this is the case, it will be documented in the relevant specialty selection regulations and has been included in the specialty selection pages later in this Guide).

If a specialty has separate selection processes for Australian and Aotearoa New Zealand (e.g. General Surgery), you can only apply for selection in one country and must nominate which one in your registration form.

Criminal Checks

Criminal conduct will not be considered during the selection process if AHPRA / MCNZ has been notified and unconditional medical registration is maintained.

Eligibility Requirements

To register for SET selection, you'll need to meet the **generic eligibility requirements**, as well as any **specialty-specific criteria** that apply at the time you submit your registration.

The [generic eligibility requirements](#) below apply to applicants across all surgical specialties.

Generic Eligibility criteria	
<p>You must have permanent residency or citizenship of Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand at the time of registration</p>	<p>Permanent (non-citizen) residents of Aotearoa New Zealand are not automatically entitled to residential approval in Australia. If you are a non-citizen Aotearoa New Zealand resident and you apply for a program with Australian rotations, <i>you will be responsible for securing a visa</i></p> <p>In the event that a visa cannot be obtained no special arrangements can be made, and the offer of a place on the program may be withdrawn, or the trainee dismissed</p> <p>From 1 October 2019, if you hold an Australian permanent resident visa, you will need to hold an NZeTA (New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority) prior to travelling to New Zealand.</p> <p>Australian passport holders are not required to have a NZeTA.</p>
<p>You must have general (unconditional) registration in Australia or general scope registration in Aotearoa New Zealand</p>	
<p>You must have completed either the RACS Operating with Respect eLearning Module OR RACS Introduction to Operating with Respect. (see Appendix One)</p> <p>You must have passed the RACS Generic Surgical Sciences Exam (GSSE) (see Examinations and Appendix Two)</p>	<p>Introduction to Operating with Respect replaced the Operating with Respect module in September 2023. Applicants need to complete only one (1) of these.</p> <p>You can find the link for this course on the Introduction to Operating with Respect webpage</p> <p>All specialties require you to have passed the RACS Generic Surgical Sciences Exam (GSSE) either at the time of registration or by the close of SET applications.</p> <p>Refer to the relevant specialty selection regulations or to the specialty summary page in this Guide for confirmation of the deadline to meet this requirement.</p>

You can find detailed information in the [Registration and Selection to Surgical Education and Training regulation](#) on the RACS website.

For a practical checklist of requirements, see [Appendix Three](#)

Application for Selection to the SET Program

Selection Instruments

RACS selection processes are designed to be fair, transparent and based on best practice. These principles are informed by the [Brennan Principles](#), which have guided surgical trainee selection for more than two decades.

Each of the thirteen surgical specialty training boards conducts its own selection process, using a combination of selection instruments. The instruments used, and the weighting applied to each, are determined annually before the selection process begins and are published in the relevant specialty selection regulations.

RACS regularly reviews and evaluates selection instruments to ensure they are effective, appropriate, and aligned with best practice. This may include pilot implementation of new or revised selection tools. Applicants may be invited to participate in selection-related research or evaluation activities; participation in such activities does not disadvantage applicants. Details of the specific selection instruments used by each specialty are included in the specialty selection regulations and in the summary pages later in this guide.

Once you have successfully registered for SET selection and met the generic eligibility requirements, you may submit an application to your chosen specialty or specialties. All applications must be submitted through the relevant application form within the published application period.

The following specialties accept applications for selection through the RACS website:

- [Cardiothoracic Surgery](#)
- [Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery New Zealand](#)
- [Paediatric Surgery](#)
- [Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery New Zealand](#)

The following specialties accept applications for selection through their specialty societies:

- [General Surgery Australia](#)
- [General Surgery New Zealand](#)
- [Neurosurgery](#)
- [Orthopaedic Surgery Australia](#)
- [Orthopaedic Surgery New Zealand](#)
- [Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery Australia](#)
- [Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Australia](#)
- [Urology](#)
- [Vascular Surgery](#)

Online Application Form

Regardless of which specialty you are applying for, all applicants are required to submit an online application during the published application period.

As part of your application, you will need to provide:

- Contact details for your nominated referees
- Evidence to show that you meet the minimum eligibility criteria

You will also be asked to submit a structured Curriculum Vitae (CV) which captures information and supporting evidence relating to:

- Surgical experience
- Other qualifications
- Publications and presentations
- Skills and other courses
- Medical achievements
- Leadership exposure

Before starting your application, you should carefully review the current selection regulations for each specialty you are applying to, to ensure that you meet all minimum eligibility and application requirements.

Further information about application requirements and processes is available in the [Registration and Selection to Surgical Education and Training](#) regulation on the RACS website.

Generic Surgical Sciences Examination (GSSE)

All specialties require applicants to have passed the RACS Generic Surgical Sciences Exam (GSSE), either at the time of registration or by the close of SET applications.

The GSSE assesses foundational knowledge in anatomy, pathology and physiology. To pass the examination, applicants must demonstrate a minimum standard of knowledge in each discipline, as well as sound knowledge across all areas.

The deadline by which the GSSE must be passed varies by specialty. Applicants should refer to the relevant specialty selection regulations, or the specialty summary pages later in this guide, to confirm the applicable deadline.

Further information, including examination dates and preparation resources, is available on the [Generic Surgical Sciences Examination \(GSSE\)](#) page on the RACS website.

Clinical Examination (CE)

From the 2027 selection period (for the 2028 intake), the Clinical Examination (CE) is no longer a requirement for application to any surgical specialty within the SET Program.

The Clinical Examination was formally retired in 2026. Applicants applying from 2027 selection period onward are not required to sit or pass the CE as part of the SET application process.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact RACS at SET.Enquiries@surgeons.org

Structured Referee Reports

As part of the application process, you will be asked to nominate a number of referees. Referees are selected, and reports collected, in accordance with the relevant specialty-specific regulations.

Structured referee reports provide information about an applicant's clinical capability, workplace behaviour, and personal attributes, and form part of the overall assessment of suitability for surgical training.

Semi-Structured Interviews

Each Specialty Training Committee or Board determines which applicants are invited to attend a semi-structured interview, in accordance with the criteria set out in the relevant specialty selection regulations. Applicants who are invited to interview are provided with a minimum of 10 days' notice of the interview date.

Interview format and delivery vary by specialty. Applicants should refer to the relevant specialty selection regulations for detailed information about interview arrangements and assessment criteria.

Announcement of Offers

Following completion of the selection process, all applications will be assessed and outcomes classified under one of the following categories:

- **Successful**
An eligible applicant who has met the minimum standards for selection and, based on their overall ranking relative to other applicants for the specialty, has been made an offer.
- **Unsuccessful**
An eligible applicant who has met the minimum standards for selection but did not rank highly enough compared with other applicants to receive an offer.
- **Unsuitable**
An applicant who did not meet one or more minimum standards for selection.

If you are offered a place on a specialty training program, you must accept the offer within the nominated timeframe. Offers that are not accepted within this timeframe will be automatically rescinded.

Applicants who are not successful will be notified in writing by the relevant Specialty Training Committee or Board, in accordance with the applicable selection regulations.

The number of Trainees offered a place each year is determined by each Specialty Training Committee or Board and may vary depending on workforce and training capacity. Factors may include:

- the number of accredited hospital training posts available in the following year
- the number of current Trainees who have been approved for interruption or research in the following year
- the number of Trainees expected to complete training and apply for Fellowship in the current year.

PLASTIC AND RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY (AUSTRALIA) – RESERVIST OFFERS

For **Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (Australia)** only, an applicant *may* receive a **Reservist offer** between July and the published late offer deadline.

Applicants who accept a Reservist offer may be offered a **conditional training position** if a training place becomes available to commence in the following year. If no training position becomes available, applicants who have accepted a Reservist offer will be offered a place in the subsequent intake, unless they have declined a Reservist training position.

Further information about Reservist offers is available in the Australian Board of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery selection regulations.

Deferral

When completing the application for SET Selection, applicants are asked whether they intend to defer commencement or undertake accredited research in their first year of training. This information is collected for workforce and planning purposes only to support specialties in maximising the number of offers made each year.

If you receive an offer and wish to defer your commencement, you must still formally apply for deferral in accordance with the applicable specialty selection regulations, even if you indicated an intention to defer during the application stage.

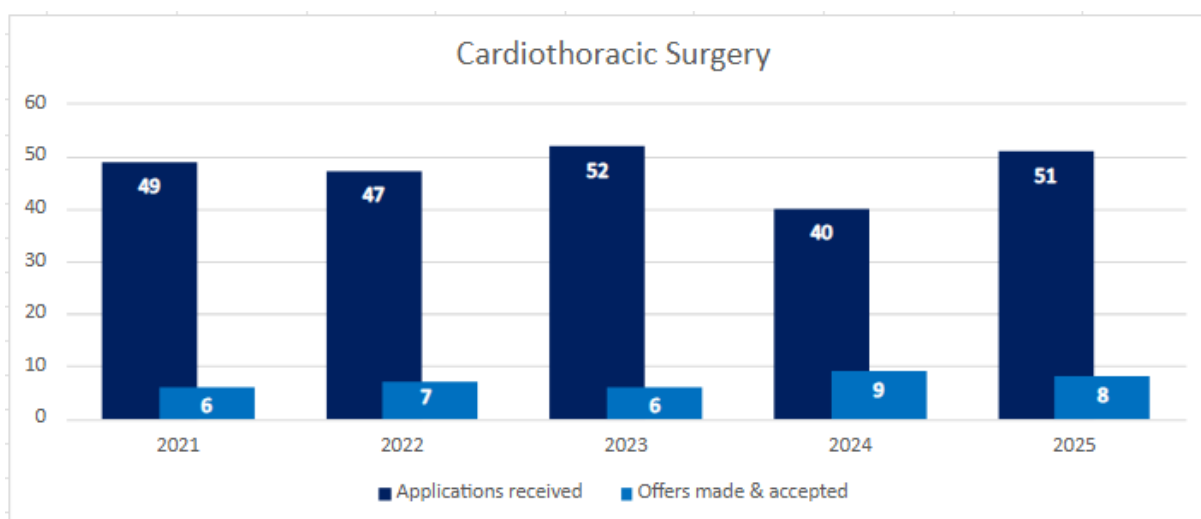
In some circumstances, offers may be made with a deferred commencement date to support workforce planning. For example, a specialty may have an accredited hospital training post available in the second half of the year but not in the first. In these cases, an offer may be made for an applicant to commence after a six-month period of deferral.



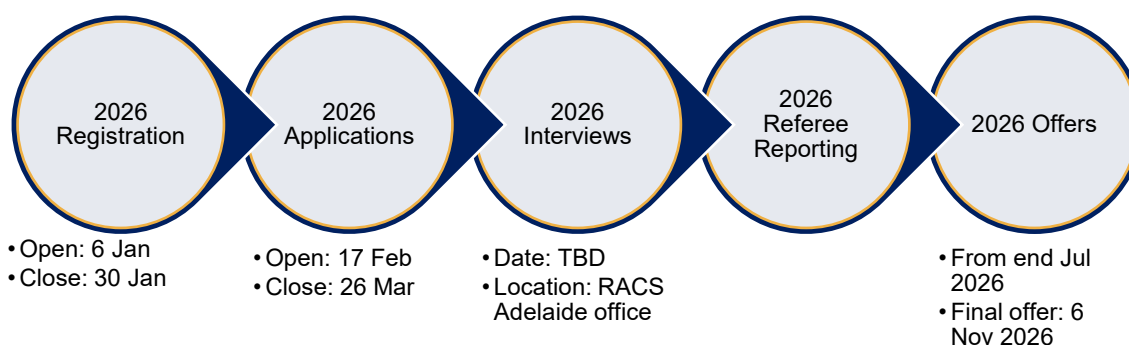
Surgical Specialties: Selection Snapshot

Cardiothoracic Surgery

Applications and Offers to Cardiothoracic Surgery 2021-2025

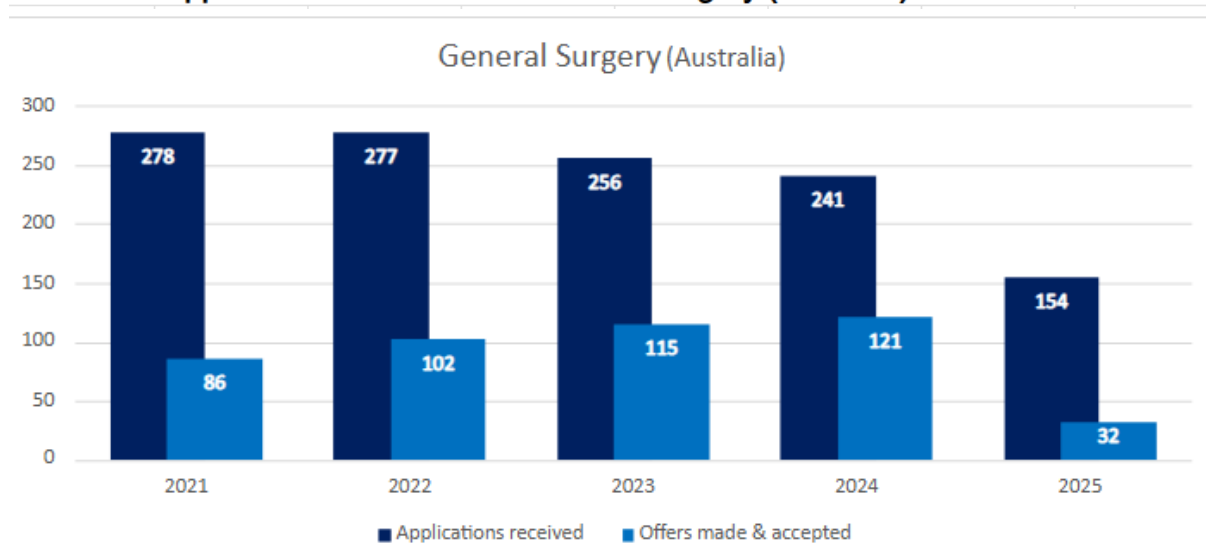


Webpage:	Cardiothoracic Surgery RACS
Selection Regulations:	Cardiothoracic Surgery 2026 Selection Regulations for the 2027 Intake
Contact:	Cardiothoracic.Surgery@surgeons.org
Maximum application attempts?	No
Pass GSSE by:	Close of applications
Pass CE by:	Close of applications
Application form webpage:	Applying for the 2027 SET intake RACS (only available while applications open)

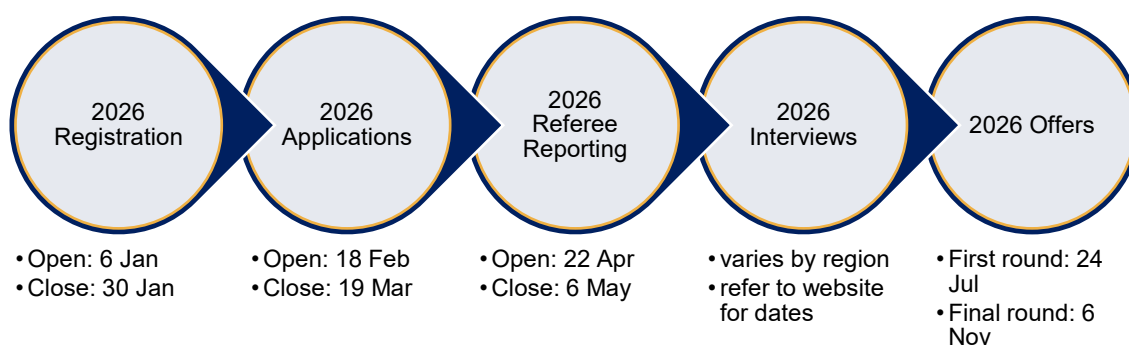


General Surgery (Australia)

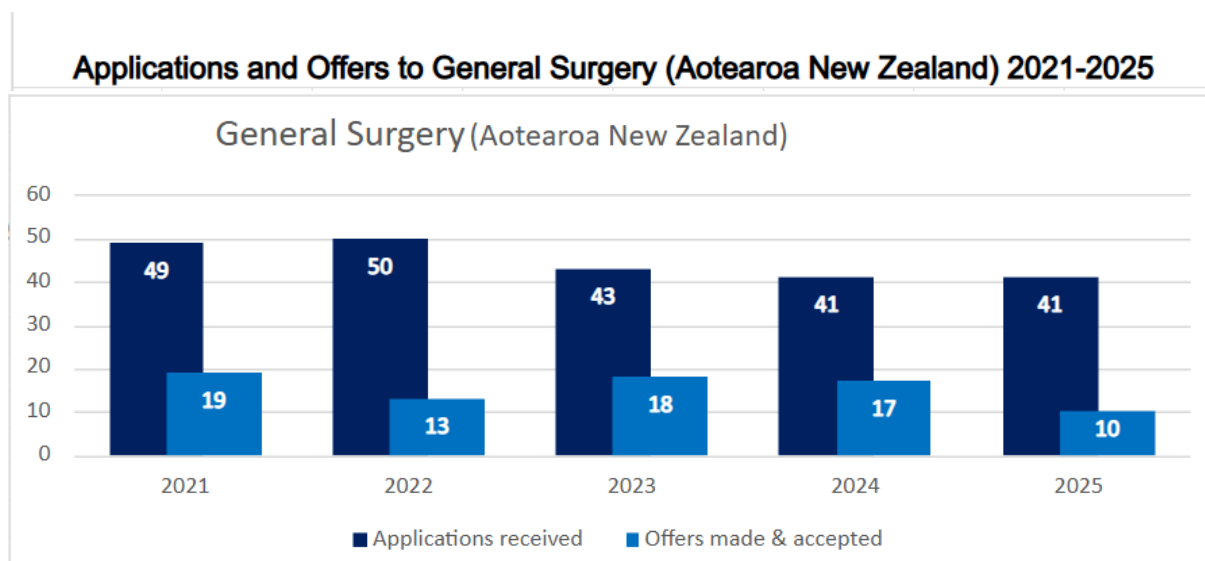
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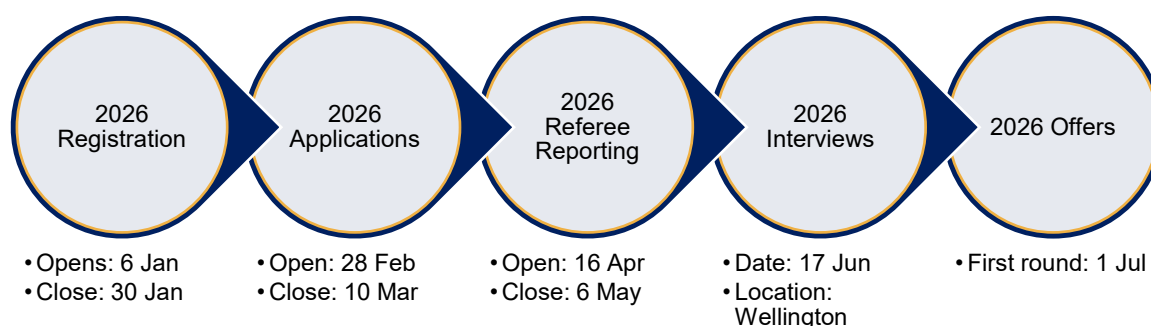
Webpage:	Selection - General Surgeons Australia
Selection Regulations:	2026 Australian Selection to Surgical Education and Training in General Surgery for 2027 Intake
Contact:	selection@generalsurgeons.com.au
Maximum application attempts?	No.
Pass GSSE by:	Close of applications
Application form webpage:	Will be emailed to those eligible to apply (only available while applications open)



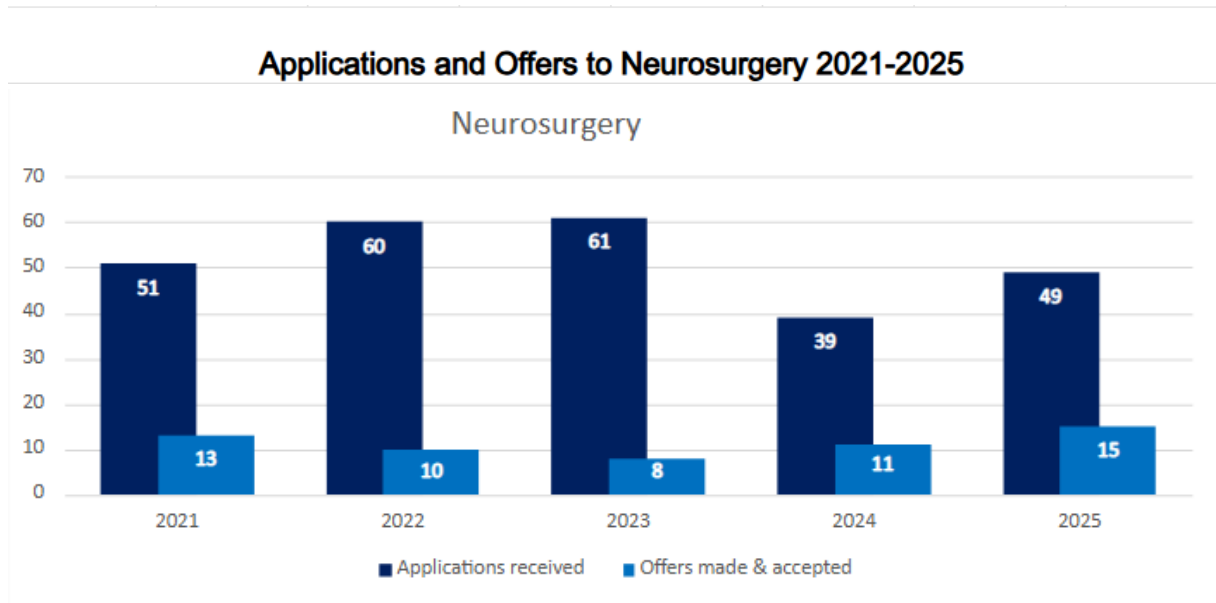
General Surgery (Aotearoa New Zealand)



Webpage:	Selection - New Zealand Association of General Surgeons
Selection Regulations:	2026 Aotearoa New Zealand Selection to General Surgical Education and Training in General Surgery for 2027 Intake
Contact:	selection@nzags.co.nz
Maximum application attempts?	No.
Pass GSSE by:	Close of applications
Application form webpage:	(only available while applications open)



Neurosurgery (Australia)



Webpage:	Application and Selection (nsa.org.au)
Selection Regulations:	Selection Regulations: Surgical Education and Training Program in Neurosurgery. 2027 Intake.
Contact:	set.neurosurgery@nsa.org.au
Maximum application attempts?	Yes. Maximum 4 attempts from 2022 intake onwards
Pass GSSE by:	Close of applications
Application form webpage:	Direct link provided to eligible applicants

Applicants must register and present for the Neurosurgery Anatomy Examination which is sat prior to the opening of selection applications and has a separate registration process (available at www.nsa.org.au).

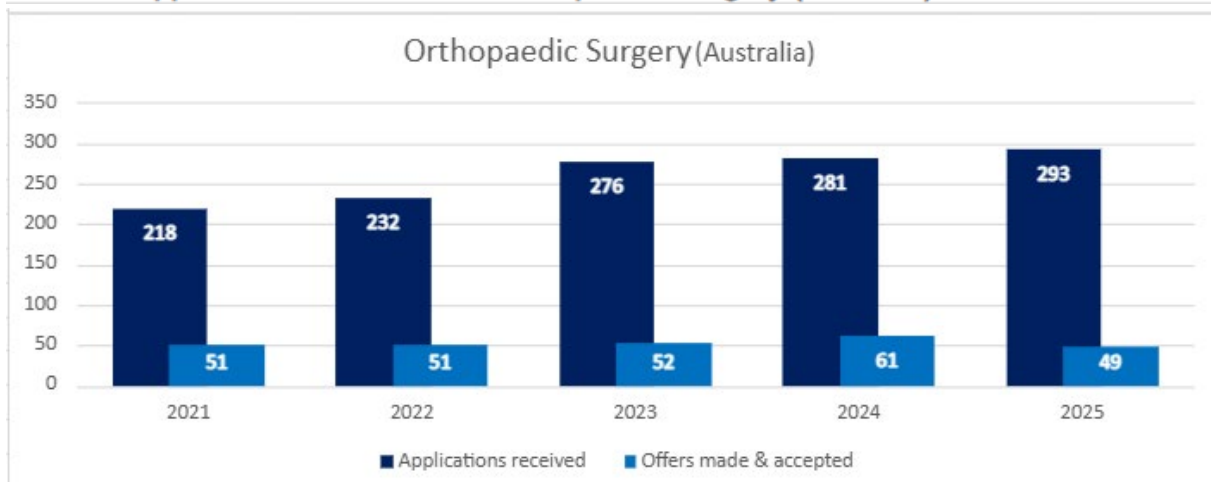
The selection process uses 4 selection tools, each contributing the following weightings to the overall selection score out of 100:

- Structured Curriculum Vitae 10%
- Reference Report 30%
- Neurosurgery Anatomy Examination 30%
- Semi-Structured Interview 30%

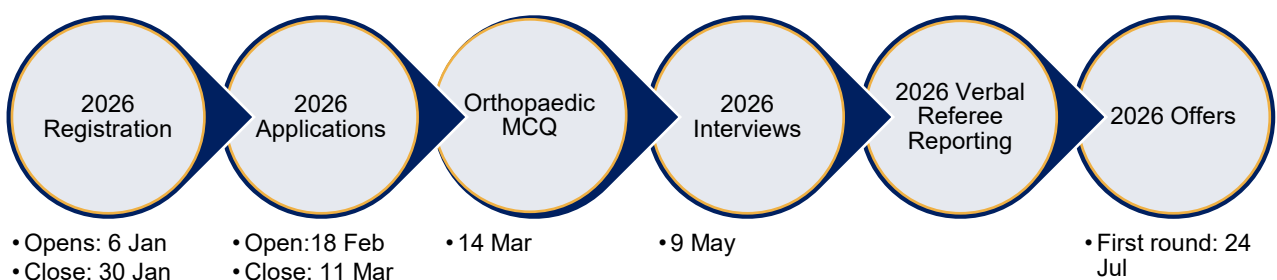


Orthopaedic Surgery (Australia)

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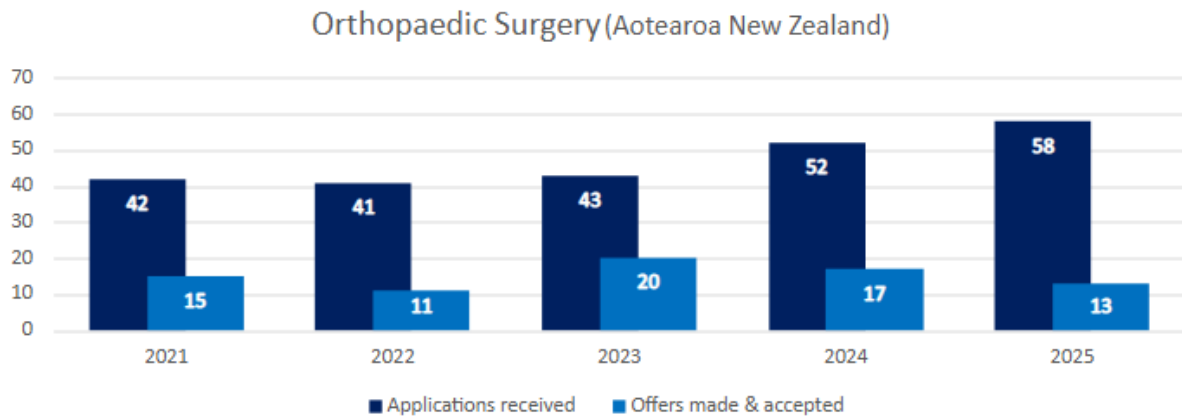


Webpage:	Selection into Training - AOA Australian Orthopaedic Association
Selection Regulations:	Regulations for Selection to AOA 21 Training Program in Orthopaedic Surgery for 2027
Contact:	selection@aoa.org.au
Maximum application attempts?	No.
Pass GSSE by:	Prior to Registration for Selection
Application form webpage:	(only available while applications open)



Orthopaedic Surgery (Aotearoa New Zealand)

Applications and Offers to Orthopaedic Surgery (Aotearoa New Zealand) 2021-2025

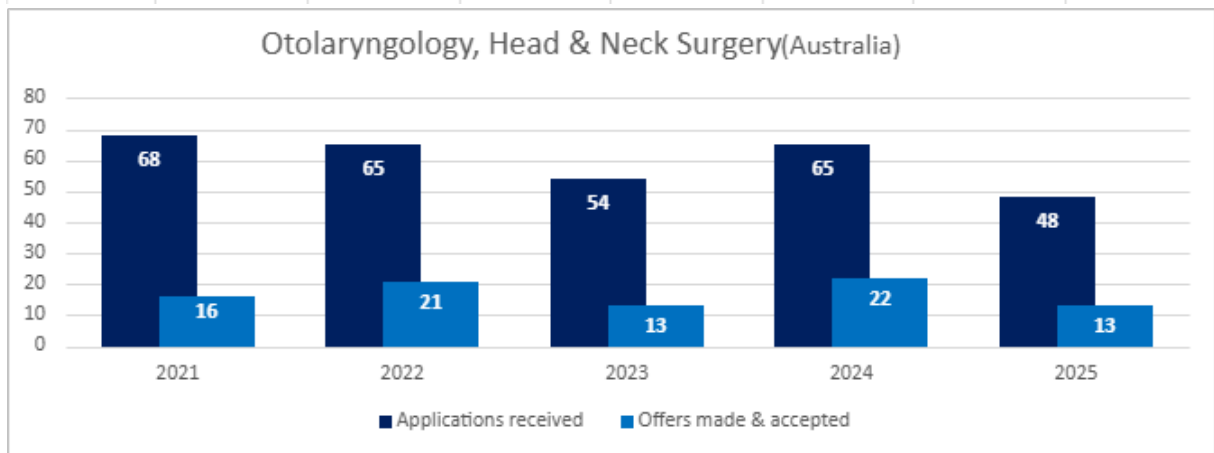


Webpage:	Apply to NZOA Training Program
Selection Regulations:	Selection Regulations 2027 New Zealand Intake. Surgical Education and Training Programme in Orthopaedic Surgery in Aotearoa New Zealand
Contact:	prue@nzoa.org.nz
Maximum application attempts?	No.
Pass GSSE by:	Successfully completed prior to applying
Application form webpage:	(only available while applications open)



Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery (Australia)

Applications and Offers to Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery (Australia) 2021-2025

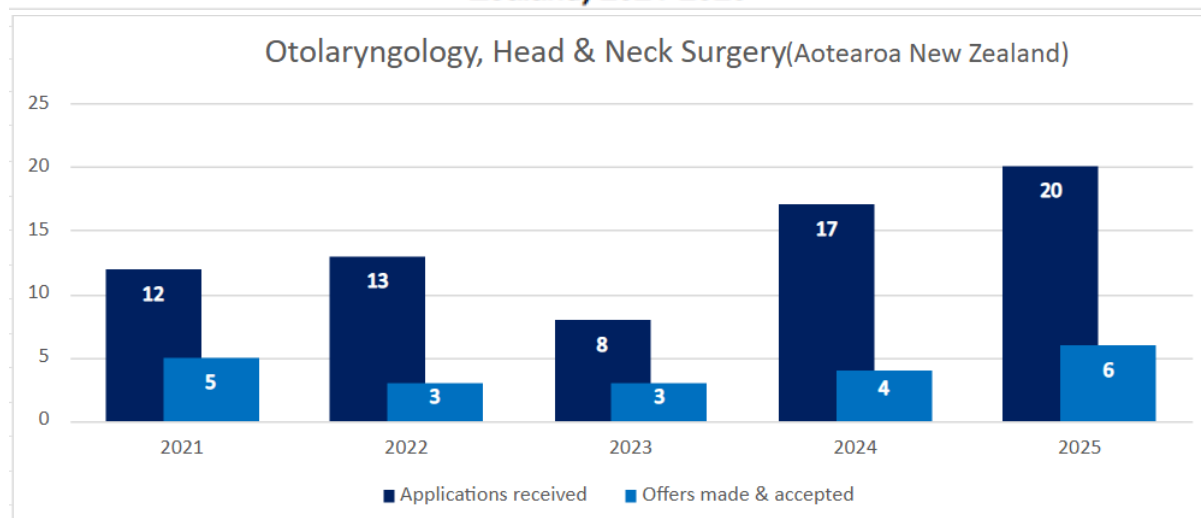


Webpage:	SET Application & Selection - ASOHNS
Selection Regulations:	Selection Regulations 2027 Australian Intake. Surgical Education and Training Program in Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery in Australia
Contact:	OHNStraining@asohns.org.au
Maximum application attempts?	Yes. Four. Effective from 2021 Selection process (for 2022 intake)
Pass GSSE by:	Close of applications
Application form webpage:	(only available while applications open)

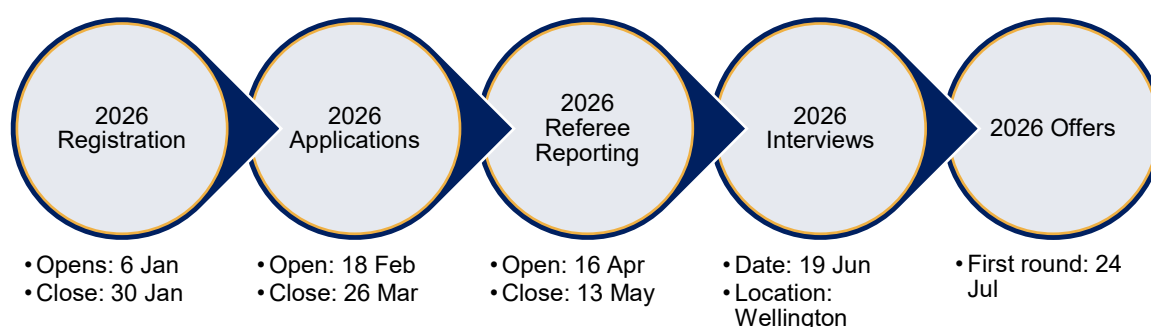


Otolaryngology, Head & Neck Surgery (Aotearoa New Zealand)

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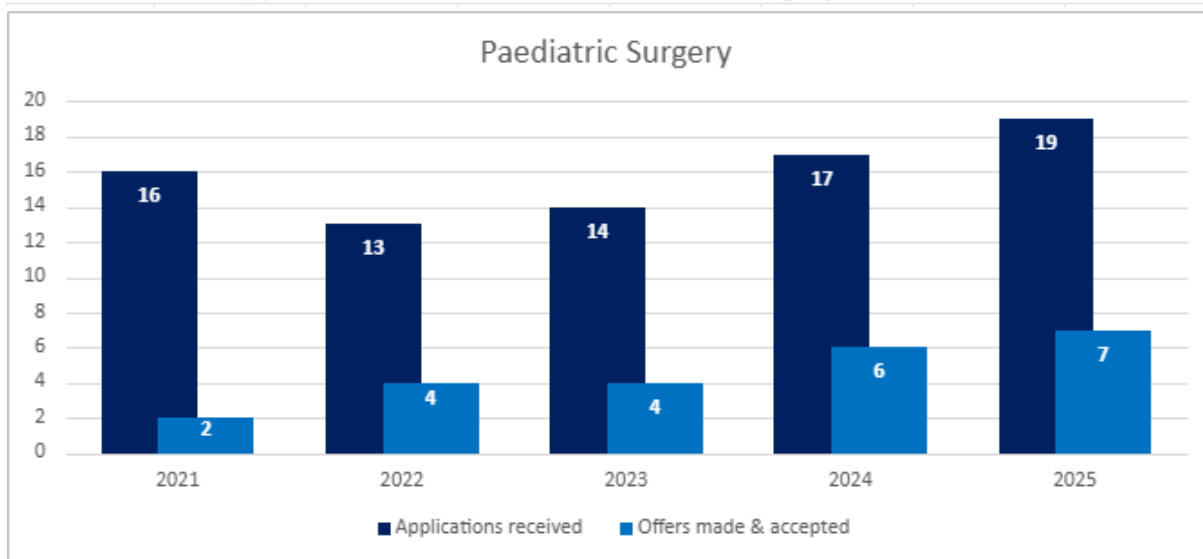


Webpage:	Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery - New Zealand RACS
Selection Regulations:	SET Selection Regulations. Surgical Education and Training Programme Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery Aotearoa, New Zealand
Contact:	nzohns.set@surgeons.org
Maximum application attempts?	Yes. Four. Maximum 4 attempts from 2021 Selection (2022 intake).
Pass GSSE by:	Close of applications
Application form webpage:	(only available while applications open)

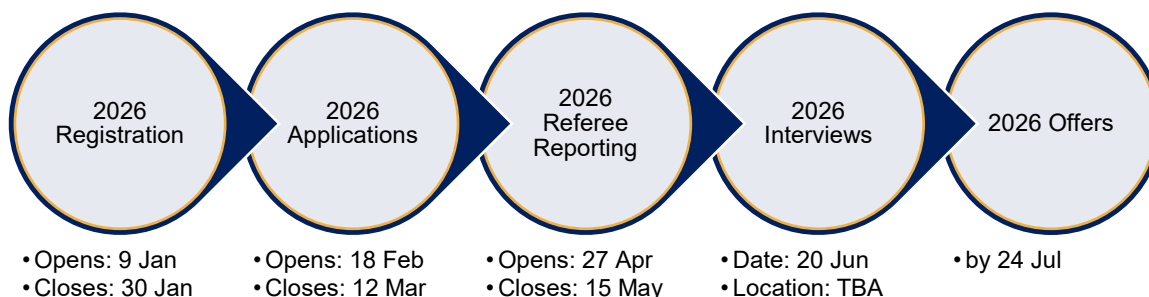


Paediatric Surgery

Applications and Offers to Paediatric Surgery 2021-2025

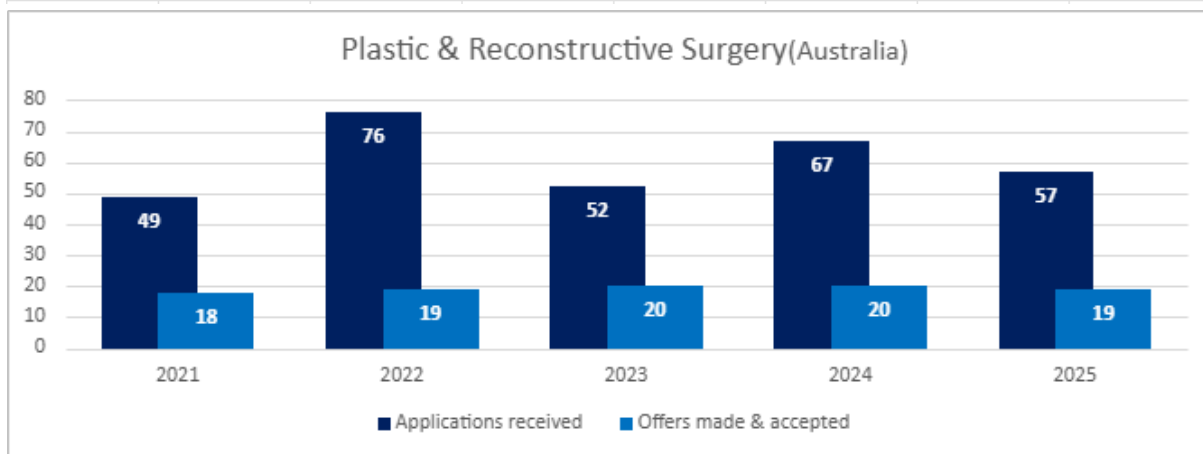


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Selection Regulations:	2026 Selection Regulations (for the 2027 intake) Committee of Paediatric Surgery
Contact:	Committee.PaediatricSurgery@surgeons.org
Maximum application attempts?	Yes. Three (if deemed unsuitable at any point in selection process) 2020 selection or afterwards
Pass GSSE by:	Close of applications
Application form webpage:	(only available while applications open)

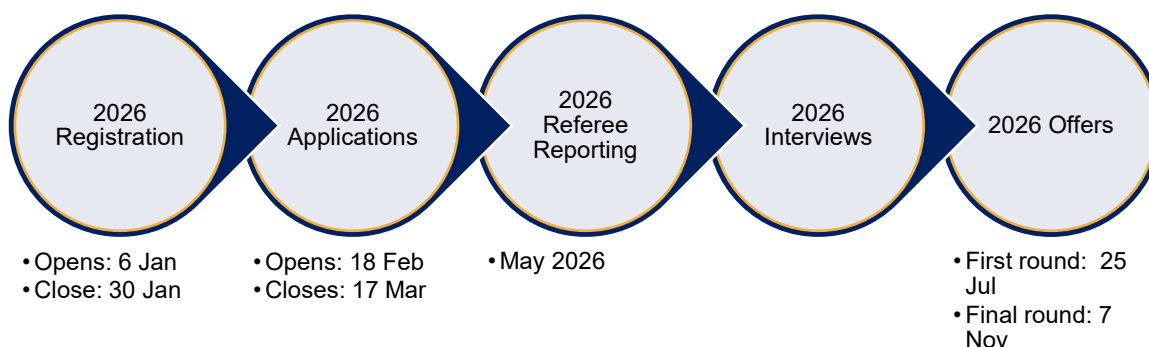


Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery (Australia)

Applications and Offers to Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (Australia) 2021-2025

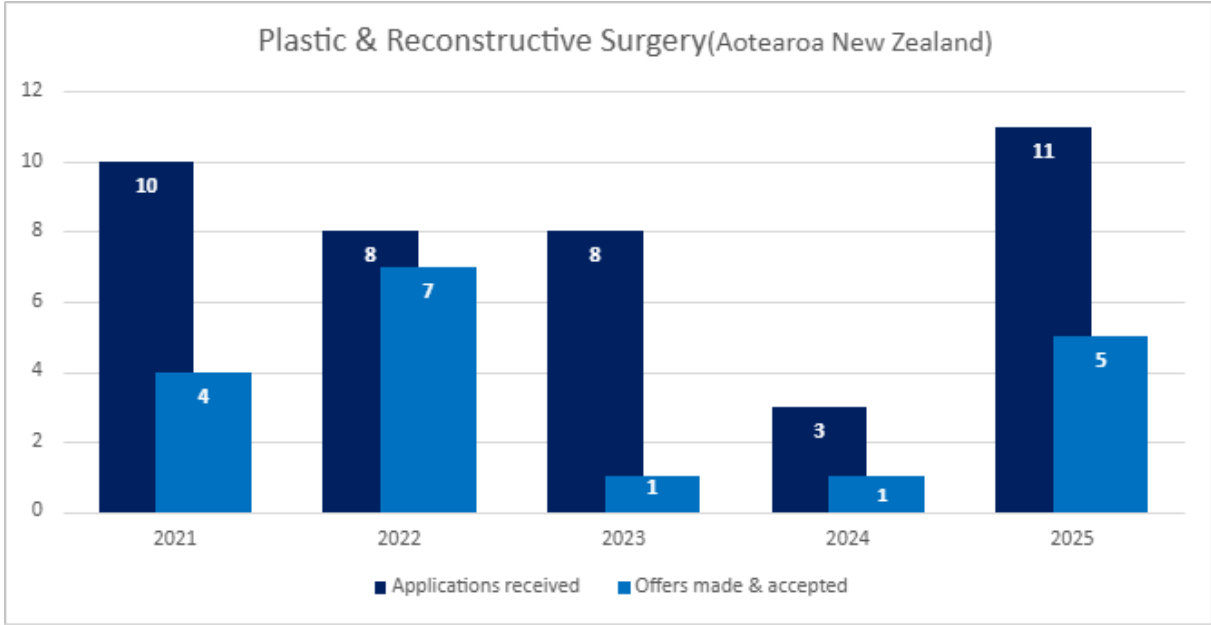


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Selection Regulations:	Selection Regulations - Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons
Contact:	education@plasticsurgery.org.au
Maximum application attempts?	Yes. Three eligible attempts as per Selection Regulations Maximum 3 attempts from 2020 intake onwards
Pass GSSE by:	Close of applications
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Application form webpage:	(only available while applications open)

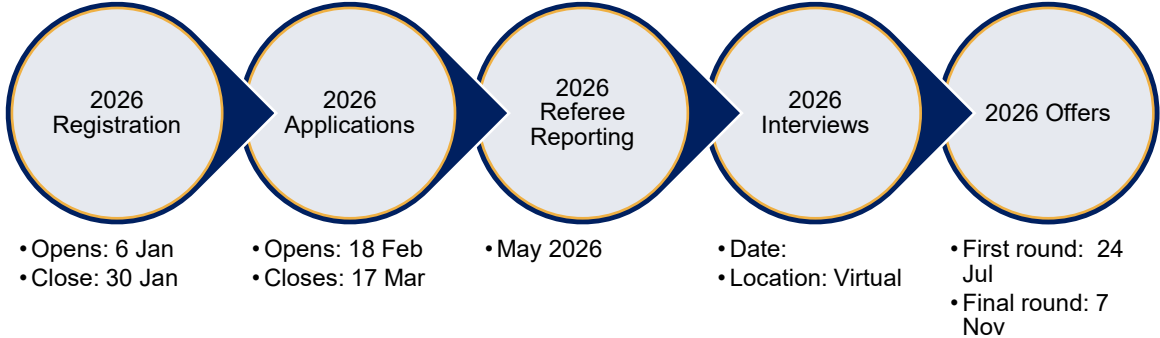


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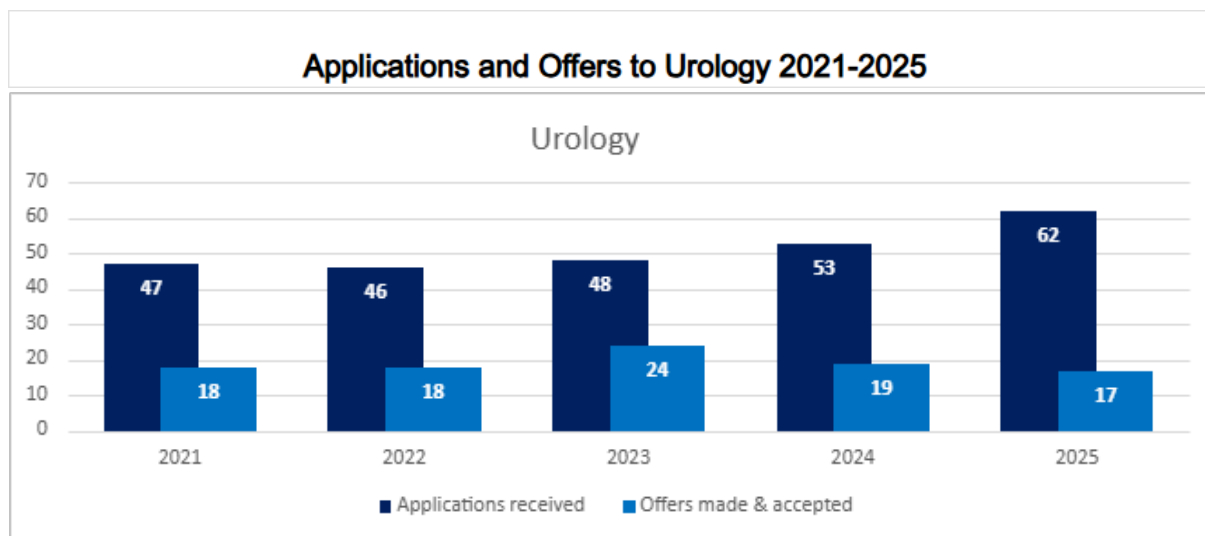
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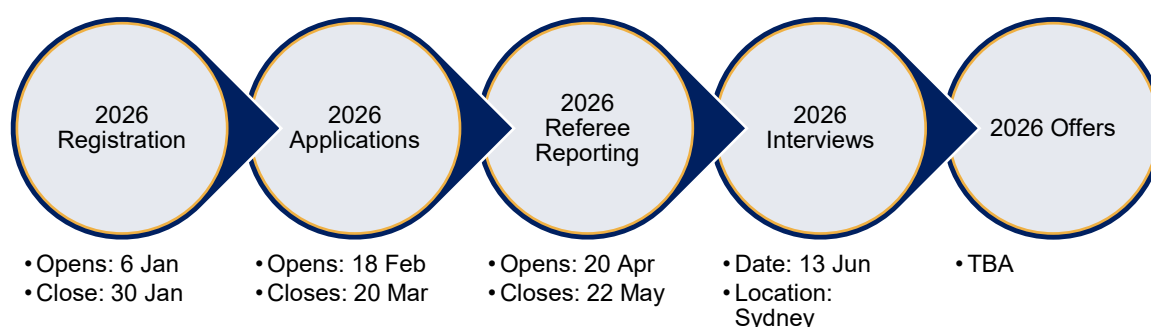
Webpage:	Selection - New Zealand Association of Plastic Surgeons
Selection Regulations:	Selection Regulations - New Zealand Association of Plastic Surgeons
Contact:	training@plasticsurgery.org.nz
Maximum application attempts?	Yes. Maximum 3 attempts from 2020 intake onwards.
Pass GSSE by:	Close of applications
Application form webpage:	(only available while applications open)



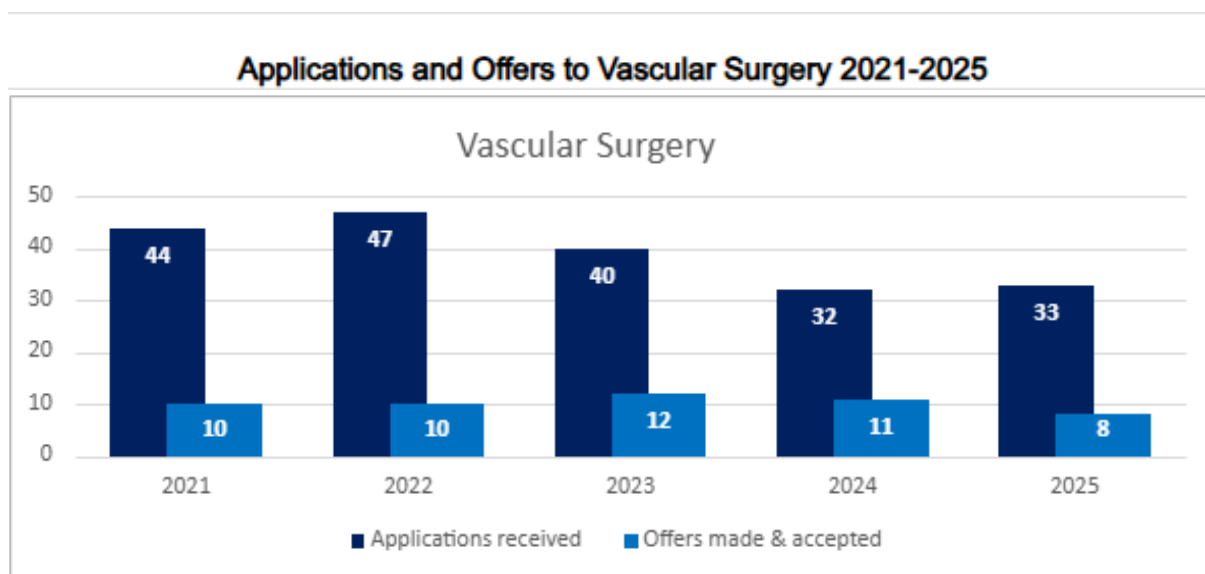
Urology



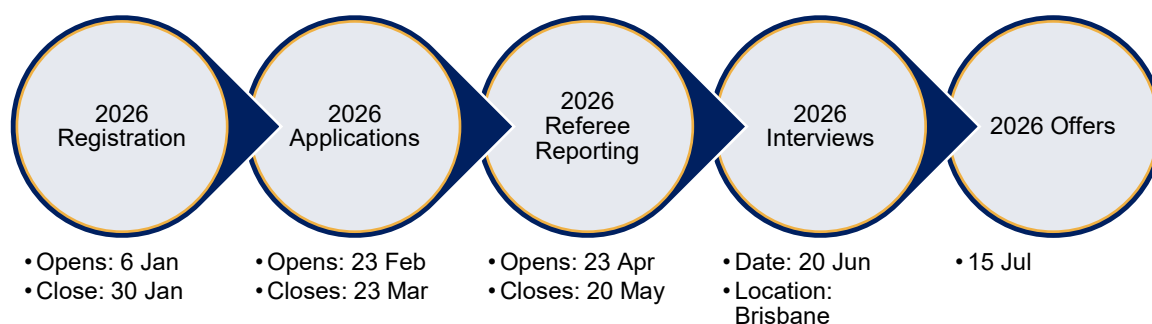
Webpage:	Application & Selection - USANZ
Selection Regulations:	Selection Regulations. Surgical Education and Training Program in Urology
Contact:	SET Urology Helpdesk
Maximum application attempts?	Yes. Four. This limit includes all prior applications and those who have reached the previous limit of three (3) attempts.
Pass GSSE by:	Close of applications
Pass CE by:	Close of applications
Application form webpage:	(only available while applications open)



Vascular Surgery



Webpage:	Selection ANZSVS
Selection Regulations:	Selection Regulations. Surgical Education and Training in Vascular Surgery. 2027 Intake
Contact:	vascular.selection@anzsvs.org.au
Maximum application attempts?	Yes. Maximum three attempts from 2022 intake onwards
Pass GSSE by:	Date of application
Pass CE by:	Date of application
Application form webpage:	www.vascularsurgeryapplications.com.au (only available while applications open)



Appendices



Appendix One: Courses

Introduction to Operating with Respect

If you are a current JDocs subscriber, you may already have access to the *Introduction to Operating with Respect* course. To check if you have access to this course please use the link below (login required):

[Introduction to Operating with Respect](#)

If you do not currently have access, you can enrol via the RACS website at:

<https://www.surgeons.org/Education/Professional-Development/introduction-to-operating-with-respect>

The screenshot shows the RACS website page for the 'Introduction to Operating with Respect' course. The page features a navigation menu at the top with options like 'Become a surgeon', 'Trainees', 'Fellows', 'SIMGs', and 'Research & audit'. Below the navigation, there is a breadcrumb trail: 'HOME > EDUCATION > PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT > OPERATING WITH RESPECT E-LEARNING'. The main heading is 'Introduction to Operating with Respect'. The text describes the course's purpose: to support the RACS commitment to promote appropriate behaviours in surgical practice and training, as a safe and positive work environment will result in higher-quality care for patients and better standards of surgical training. It is a pre-requisite for application to Surgical Education and Training (SET). The course is designed to improve knowledge and understanding of unacceptable behaviours, enabling Surgeons to recognise when they occur and the adverse impact these have on individuals, team performance and patient safety. It provides intervention strategies to respond to unacceptable behaviours, resources to support those impacted by unacceptable behaviours and processes for reporting these behaviours. A note states: 'This course replaces a previous version, 'Operating with Respect eLearning', and includes revised and additional content. This course can also be revisited for your own professional development, or as a refresher ahead of the full-day face-to-face course, 'Operating with Respect'. Completing this online course, a second time may entitle you to 1 CPD point.' The 'Course learning outcomes' section lists eight outcomes: 1. Acceptable standards of professional behaviour in the healthcare setting; 2. The features principles within legislation relating to of discrimination, bullying and sexual harassment as outlined by legislation; 3. What unacceptable behaviour looks like in healthcare, and specifically in surgical settings; 4. The impacts of unacceptable behaviour on individuals, team performance and patient safety; 5. Stressors that may contribute to unacceptable behaviour, and understand how to better manage these; 6. The professional responsibility to speak up when exposed to unacceptable behaviours; 7. Intervention strategies and responses to unacceptable behaviours; 8. Where to find resources to support yourself and others in addressing unacceptable behaviours within the workplace.

Once on the webpage, scroll down to locate the **REGISTER HERE** button. You will need to log into your RACS account to enrol in the course.

If you require technical assistance, IT support is available at help.desk@surgeons.org

Appendix Two: Examinations

Generic Surgical Sciences Examination (GSSE)

For detailed information about the RACS Generic Surgical Science Examination including examination format and sitting dates, visit the GSSE webpage on the RACS website:

<https://www.surgeons.org/Examinations/generic-surgical-sciences-examination-gsse>

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Generic Surgical Science Examination (GSSE)

Overview

The Generic Surgical Sciences Examination (GSSE) is designed to ensure that candidates have demonstrated a minimum standard of knowledge in the surgical sciences of anatomy, pathology and physiology - the foundation of surgical training. Passing the GSSE requires demonstration of this 'minimum standard' of knowledge in each discipline as well as sound knowledge 'across the board'.

All specialty training boards have introduced the successful completion of the GSSE as a mandatory eligibility requirement for selection.

Please note that registration for this exam closes at 11.59am (AEDT) on the closing date stipulated, late registrations will not be accepted under any circumstances.

[General information](#)

Details

DATE
Feb 14, 2024 ▾

SCHEDULE
14-15 February 2024

LOCATION
Adelaide, Auckland, Brisbane, Hobart, Melbourne, Perth, Sydney, Wellington

REGISTRATION DATES
From 14 November 2023 to 05 December 2023

CONTACT PERSON
Examinations Department

Applicants are encouraged to read through the general information provided on the webpage, including upcoming examination dates. Sitting dates can be viewed by selected a date from the drop-down menu in the blue panel on the right-hand side of the page.

If you have further questions about the GSSE or other examinations, please contact the RACS Examinations Department (see **Appendix Four: [Contacts](#)**).

Appendix Three: Selection Checklist

Before submitting an application for selection to the Surgical Education and Training (SET) Program, please use the checklist below to confirm that you have completed all required steps.

You should ensure that you:

- Hold General Medical Registration without conditions** from the Medical Board of Australia (MBA) or the Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ)
 - Are a citizen or permanent resident of Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand**
 - Have identified the surgical specialty (or specialties)** you intend to apply to
 - Have reviewed the [RACS website](#)** for current SET Program information and specialty-specific eligibility requirements
 - Have successfully passed the RACS GSSE**, in line with the deadline specified in the relevant specialty-specific selection regulations
 - Have completed the [Introduction to Operating with Respect](#) eModule**
 - Have registered for SET Selection in January** (fee payable)
 - Have prepared all required documentation for your application** including:
 - a list of rotations,
 - contact details of supervisors and referees
 - evidence of qualifications, publications and other achievements
 - Will meet all specialty-specific eligibility requirements within the published timeframe**
 - Have submitted your SET application(s) during the application period** (application fee payable)
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Appendix Four: RACS Contacts

Surgical Education and Training Department

SET Program Coordinator

SET Selection Enquiries

P: +61 3 9249 1114

E: SET.Enquiries@surgeons.org

W: www.surgeons.org

Examinations Department

Royal Australasian College of Surgeons

GSSE and Specialty Specific Examinations

P: +61 3 9249 1244

E: examinations@surgeons.org

W: www.surgeons.org/Examinations

Indigenous Health Committee

Royal Australasian College of Surgeons

E: IndigenousHealth@surgeons.org

W: www.surgeons.org/about-racs/indigenous-health

Australian Indigenous Doctor's Association (AIDA)

P: +61 2 6273 5013

Freecall: 1800 190 498

E: aida@aida.org.au

W: www.aida.org.au/studying-medicine/

Te Ohu Rata o Aotearoa/Māori Medical Practitioners Association (Te ORA)

P: +64 27 960 8744

E: teora@teora.maori.nz

W: <https://teora.maori.nz/>

Pre-Vocational Coordinator (JDocs)

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E: jdocs@surgeons.org

W: <https://www.surgeons.org/become-a-surgeon/jdocs-by-racs>

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E: skills.courses@surgeons.org

W: www.surgeons.org/Education/skills-training-courses

