

Portfolio:	Education	Ref. No.	REG-2036
Team:	SIMG Assessments		
Title:	Aotearoa New Zealand Vocationally Registered Doctors Applying for Fellowship		

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Specialist International Medical Graduates (SIMGs) who have been assessed by the Te Kaunihera Rata o Aotearoa - Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ) and have been granted vocational registration may seek Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS).

This regulation details the process for assessing Vocationally Registered Doctors (VRDs) for Fellowship of RACS.

AoNZ surgeons who have not completed their vocationally registered pathway can apply for Fellowship of RACS through Regulation 2038.

Decisions on the award of Fellowship are the sole responsibility of RACS.

2. KEYWORDS

Medical Council of New Zealand, Vocational Assessment, Vocationally Registered Doctor, Fellowship

3. VOCATIONALLY REGISTERED DOCTORS ASSESSMENT

3.1. Application for Assessment

- 3.1.1. SIMGs who hold vocational registration in Aotearoa New Zealand may apply to RACS for consideration of award of Fellowship.
- 3.1.2. SIMGs who are in the process of obtaining vocational registration may also apply to RACS for consideration of award of Fellowship.
- 3.1.3. SIMG Applications must be received in the format specified by RACS.
- 3.1.4. RACS will review the documentation regarding the initial vocational assessment. This will include the material provided initially to MCNZ, the recommendations of the VR assessment panel and evidence relating to the period of supervised practice.
- 3.1.5. RACS may also request additional information, such as, but not limited to, an updated CV, referee reports, and evidence of recent operative work.
- 3.1.6. RACS will assess the SIMG's application to confirm that within the scope of practice of the SIMG, the SIMG has reached the standard of a newly qualified Fellow of RACS consistent with the RACS regulation ETA-SIMG-2038.
- 3.1.7. RACS may make a determination based upon the documentation alone, or may require an interview and/or further information.

3.2. Assessment Outcomes

- 3.2.1. RACS determines a pathway to Fellowship based on the standards outlined in policy ETA-SIMG-2038 Assessing a Specialist International Medical Graduate's Comparability to an Australian and Aotearoa New Zealand Trained Surgical Specialist.

3.3. Fees

- 3.3.1. A fee is payable for a Fellowship assessment.

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- 3.3.2. Fees are approved by Council in October each year and published on the RACS website.

4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTATION

Assessing an SIMG's Comparability to an Australian and New Zealand Trained Surgical Specialist

SIMGs Assessed with a Limited Scope of Practice

Supervisors of Specialist International Medical Graduates in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand

Vocationally Registered Doctors Fellowship Assessment Panel Terms of Reference

Approver Education Committee
Authoriser Council