

<b>Division:</b>	<b>Fellowship Engagement</b>	<b>Ref. No.</b>	<b>POL-3037</b>
<b>Department:</b>	<b>Professional Standards</b>		
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Maintenance of Professional Standards Registration, Participation and Compliance</b>		

## 1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy outlines the requirements of the Maintenance of Professional Standards (MOPS) Program. The MOPS Program enables doctors not trained by the College to demonstrate their maintenance of professional standards, knowledge and performance.

Doctors who are not Fellows of the College, but who have postgraduate surgical qualifications at a recognised institution, can register to participate in the program. Similarly, International Medical Graduates (IMGs) who are on a specialist pathway in Australia or vocationally registered in New Zealand are also required to participate in the program as per respective RACS policies

The aims and requirements of the MOPS Program are published in the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program Guide.

## 2. KEYWORDS

Registration, Maintenance of Professional Standards (MOPS), Participants, Persons, International Medical Graduates (IMGs), Continuing Professional Development (CPD), Participation, Compliance, Verification

## 3. BODY OF POLICY

### 3.1. Aims

To provide surgeons who are not Fellows of the College with evidence of participation in and compliance with a CPD program by the award of a Statement of Compliance. This statement will attest that the surgeon is engaged in activities to maintain and enhance knowledge and skills.

Refer to the CPD Program – Aims and Requirements Policy for further information.

### 3.2. Registration

To participate in the MOPS program, participants must complete the MOPS online registration form, and pay the enrolment fee. Upon registration, a confirmation email will be issued with information on accessing the RACS Portfolio. The fee for MOPS is reviewed annually. MOPS registration gives a participant access to the following resources and services:

3.2.1. Access to the College website and library facilities and services

3.2.2. 12 months subscription to Surgical News

3.2.3. Access to the RACS Portfolio

3.2.4. Access to RACS eLearning modules

3.2.5. Access to RACS Face to Face courses

a. Foundation Skills for Surgical Educators

b. Operating with Respect Course (Face to Face)

3.2.6. Access to MALT (upon request)

3.2.7. Access to CPD

Registration in the MOPS program is for a specified year: access to the program is from the date of enrolment of the CPD period, until the 28 February of the following year.

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To continue to access the MOPS program participant reenrolment annually.

### 3.3. Participation and Compliance

MOPS participants must enter their CPD activities in 'My CPD' in the RACS Portfolio. For further information on participation and compliance, please refer to the CPD Program – Participation and Compliance Policy.

### 3.4. International Medical Graduates on a Pathway to Fellowship

An IMG on a pathway to Fellowship must register for the MOPS program in January of the year following completion of clinical assessment if they have not already attained Fellowship and remain in that program until Fellowship is attained or the pathway to Fellowship ceases.

In the year that an IMG is admitted to Fellowship, if they are enrolled in MOPS and have paid the admission to Fellowship fee and annual subscription for that year, they are eligible for a refund of the MOPS fee.

## 4. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Continuing Professional Development Program Guide

CPD Program - Aims and Requirements Policy

CPD Program - Participation and Compliance Policy

Professional Development Opportunities for International Medical Graduates Policy

Maintenance of Professional Standards Registration Form

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