1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE
This policy defines the fees associated with International Medical Graduates undertaking a specialist pathway, which fund the IMG assessment process.

2. KEYWORDS
International Medical Graduates (IMGs); Fees; RACS; Specialist Assessment; Clinical Assessment.

3. BODY OF POLICY
3.1. Approval of Fees
3.1.1. Fees payable by IMGs are approved by Council in October each year and published on the RACS website.

3.2. Specialist Assessment Fee
3.2.1. IMG surgeons who request an assessment for comparability to an Australian and New Zealand trained surgeon pay a fee to RACS which consists of three components:
   - Registration (10% of the specialist assessment fee)
   - Document Assessment (70% of the specialist assessment fee)
   - Interview (20% of the specialist assessment fee)
3.2.2. The specialist assessment fee must be paid prior to the commencement of the assessment process.
3.2.3. IMGs not required for interview will be refunded that component of the assessment fee.
3.2.4. IMGs who withdraw from the specialist assessment process prior to commencement of a document based assessment will be eligible for a refund of the Document Assessment and Interview components of the Specialist Assessment Fee.
3.2.5. IMGs who withdraw from the specialist assessment process during the document assessment phase will be refunded the Interview component of the Specialist Assessment Fee.
3.2.6. IMGs who withdraw from the specialist assessment process within 5 weeks of a scheduled interview are not entitled to a refund of any component of the Specialist Assessment Fee.

3.3. Assessment of Clinical Practice
3.3.1. A Clinical Assessment Fee is payable by all IMGs who have accepted RACS recommended pathway to Fellowship by assessment or examination.
3.3.2. Specialty Boards may also charge an IMG Administration Fee, which will be invoiced concurrently with the RACS fee.
3.3.3. IMGs will be invoiced pro-rata on commencement of clinical assessment for the current calendar year and thereafter in January of each year until completion of the clinical assessment period.
3.3.4. IMGs who withdraw after the commencement of clinical assessment are not entitled to any refund of fees paid.

3.3.5. IMGs who, due to recognition of exceptional performance, have their assessment period reduced will be entitled to a 50% refund of fees already paid for the exempted period.

3.4. **Administration Fee**

3.4.1. An Administration Fee, equal to 10% of the Clinical Assessment Fee, is payable by an IMG who has completed their period of clinical assessment and remains on a pathway to Fellowship. This fee is invoiced at the beginning of each calendar year following completion of clinical assessment.

3.5. **Non-Payment of IMG Fees.**

Where fees remain outstanding after 90 days from the issue date on the invoice an IMG will have their pathway to fellowship terminated.

4. **ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

Specialist Assessment of IMGs in Australia policy
Assessment of Clinical Practice in Australia policy
Clinical Assessors of International Medical Graduates policy

**Approver** Education Board
**Authoriser** Council