1. **PURPOSE AND SCOPE**

This policy defines the Surgical Training Fee that can be charged to trainees by the organisation providing administrative support to the Specialty Training Board.

RACS Council has approved a set of principles that apply to all trainees in the SET program, irrespective of specialty. Individual specialty training programs are responsible for formulating and publishing detailed training regulations for their program that comply with the principles of this policy and provide transparency of process to trainees.

2. **KEYWORDS**

Surgical Education and Training, SET, Specialty Training Board, Faculty Board, Specialty Society, fees.

3. **BODY OF POLICY**

3.1. **Background**

The pre-fellowship Education program of RACS is funded from training fees and associated fees for skills courses and examinations, and is not subsidised by Fellowship member subscriptions.

Trainees on the SET program will be charged a fee with two components:

3.1.1. Surgical Education and Training Fee; and

3.1.2. Specialty Surgical Education and Training Fee

3.2. **Surgical Education and Training Fee (SET)**

Refer to the RACS Policy.

3.3. **Specialty Surgical Education and Training Fee (SSET)**

3.3.1. A society that has an agreement with RACS for administrative support of the SET Program will determine the SSET payable for trainees within their geographical region (i.e. Australia, New Zealand or Australasia). The fee payable will be approved by November 1 each year, and should be noted by the relevant Specialty Training Board.

3.3.2. Fee will be calculated on a cost recovery basis.

3.3.3. Where a training program is conducted independently in Australia and New Zealand for the same specialty by agreement a common fee may be levied.

3.3.4. Where the Specialty SET Fee is invoiced by RACS, the debtor management process detailed in the Surgical Education and Training Fee policy will apply.

4. **ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS**

Policy: Surgical Education and Training Fee

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