



Guide to Specialty Training in Australia 2019

This table is intended to give you an overview of the training pathways for medical specialties in Australia. More detailed information about individual specialties is available on the College and training organisation websites. If you'd like personalised advice about which specialty options would best suit you or you need guidance about how to achieve your career goals, get in touch:

SPECIALTY		TRAINING ORGANISATION	TRAINING LENGTH	COSTS	OVERSUBSCRIBED? *	PREDICTED SHORTAGE? #
Addiction Medicine	2 alternative pathways	Australasian Chapter of Addiction Medicine (RACP)	6 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Annual Training Fee: \$3543Basic Training Written Exam: \$1930Basic Training Clinical Exam: \$2888	Under	Some
Addiction Medicine		Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists	5 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Initial Registration Fee: \$693Annual Training Fee: \$1840Annual Administrative Fee: \$488Written Exam (MCQ): \$1210Written Exam (Essay): \$1784OSCE Exam: \$2624Case History Submission: \$785Scholarly Project Submissions: \$785	Under	Some
Anaesthesia		Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetics	5 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Application Fee: \$740Application Maintenance Fee: \$615Trainee Registration Fee: \$2395Annual Training Fee: \$3245Registration Maintenance Fee: \$615Primary Exam Fee: \$5435Final Exam Fee: \$6045	Over	No

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Cardiothoracic Surgery	Royal Australasian College of Surgeons	6 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection Registration Fee: \$570 • Selection Processing Fee: \$880 • SET Training Fee \$2385 • GSSE Fee: \$4495 • Cardiothoracic SSPE Pt1: \$2045 • Cardiothoracic SSPE Pt2: \$2325 • Clinical Exam: \$3100 • ASSET Course: \$3770 • CCrISP Course: \$3390 • EMST Course: \$2990 • CLEAR Course: \$1650 • Fellowship Exam Fee: \$8495 	Over	No
Dermatology	Australasian College of Dermatologists	4 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application Fee: \$1600 • Clinical Sciences Modules \$3250 • Training Program Fee \$5363 • Fellowship Exam Fee \$4000 	Over	No
Emergency Medicine	Australasian College for Emergency Medicine	5 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection into training: \$550 • Entrance Registration: \$704 • Annual Training: \$1601 • Primary Exam (Written): \$1859 • Primary Exam (Viva): \$2065 • Fellowship Exam (Written): \$2442 • Fellowship Exam (OSCE): \$3452 	Under	Some

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General Practice training is overseen by Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) and applicants choose between training with RACGP and ACRRM.						
General Practice	2 alternative pathways	Royal Australian College of General Practitioners	3 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application Fee: \$725• Fellowship Fee: \$1345• Applied Knowledge Test Fee: \$2010• Key Feature Problems Fee: \$2010• OSCE: \$3980	Over	Yes
General Practice		Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine	4 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Application Fee: \$700• MCQ: \$1606• Case Based Discussion: \$1974.50• StAMPS: \$3294.50• Project: \$3394.60• StAMPS Mock Exam: \$1204.50	Over	Yes
General Surgery		General Surgeons Australia (GSA delegated by RACS)	5 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Selection Registration Fee: \$570• Selection Processing Fee: \$880• SET Training Fee: \$3545• GSSE: \$4495• Clinical Exam: \$3100• ASSET Course: \$3770• CCrISP Course: \$3390• EMST Course: \$2990• CLEAR Course: \$1650• Fellowship Exam Fee: \$8495	Over	Some

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Intensive Care Medicine	College of Intensive Care Medicine of Australia and New Zealand	6 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration Fee \$2060 • Annual Training Fee \$1640 • First Part Examination \$3730 • Second Part Examination \$3730 • Admission to Fellowship \$1265 	Under	No
Medical Administration	Royal Australian College of Medical Administrators	3 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidacy Application: \$1415 • RPL Consultation: \$3597 • Training Enrolment: \$896 • Medical Management Practice Domain: \$1537 • Personal and Professional Leadership Domain: \$422 • Research Training Domain: \$839 • Medical Leadership Workshop: \$1839 • Workforce Engagement Workshop: \$1839 • Pre-Fellowship Workshop: \$1942 • Trial Exam: \$1076 • Oral Exam: \$3280 • Election to Fellowship Application: \$1634.60 	Under	No
Medicine (and specialties)	Royal Australasian College of Physicians	6 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Training Fee: \$3543 • Basic Training Written Exam: \$1930 • Basic Training Clinical Exam: \$2888 • Admission to Fellowship: \$1274 	Varies according to specialty	No, except general medicine

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Neurosurgery	Neurosurgical society of Australasia (delegated by RACS)	6 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection Registration Fee: \$570 • Selection Processing Fee: \$880 • SET Training Fee (RACS): \$3545 • SET Training Fee (NSA): \$3545 • GSSE: \$4495 • Clinical Exam: \$3100 • ASSET Course: \$3770 • CCrISP Course: \$3390 • EMST Course: \$2990 • CLEAR Course: \$1650 • Fellowship Exam Fee: \$8495 	Over	No
Obstetrics and Gynaecology	Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists	6 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection Application Fee: \$570 • Interview Application: \$880 • Annual Training Fee: \$3435 • Foundations of Surgery Workshop: \$1600 • Communication Skills Workshop: \$790 • Ultrasound Workshop: \$1500 • FRANZCOG Written Exam: \$1675 • FRANZCOG Oral Exam: \$3205 • Sub-specialty Written Exam: \$1725 • Sub-specialty Oral Exam: \$3930 • Fellowship Elevation Fee: \$1680 	Over	Some

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Occupational and Environmental Medicine	Australasian Faculty of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (RACP)	4 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Training Fee: \$3543 • AFOEM Written Exam (Stage A) Fee: \$1930 • AFOEM Written Exam (Stage B) Fee: \$1930 • AFOEM Clinical Exam Fee: \$2888 • Admission to Fellowship: \$1274 	Under	No
Ophthalmology	Royal Australasian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists	5 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Registration Fee: \$1200 • Education and Training: \$4250 • COPEM module 1: \$550 • COPEM module 2: \$550 • Anatomy Written and OSPE: \$1695 • Optics: \$500 • Physiology: \$500 • OBCK: \$1965 • Ophthalmic Pathology: \$920 • RACE Written: \$820 • RACE Clinical: \$2760 	Over	Yes
Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery	<p>Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons</p> <p>Australian and New Zealand Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons</p>	<p>4 Years</p> <p>NB Full registration in dentistry and medicine required</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Application Fee: \$1206 • Subscription Fee: \$728 • Training Fee: \$4688 • SST Exam Enrolment: \$2284 • Assessment Fee: \$629 • Final Enrolment Fee: \$4603 • Admission to Fellowship: \$353 	Under	No

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Orthopaedic Surgery	Royal Australasian College of Surgeons	5 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection Registration Fee: \$570 • Selection Processing Fee: \$880 • GSSE Fee: \$4495 • Ortho PBSE Fee: \$3075 • SET Training Fee: \$3545 • Clinical Exam Fee: \$3100 • ASSET Course: \$3770 • CCrISP Course: \$3390 • EMST Course: \$2990 • CLEAR Course: \$1650 • TIPS Course: \$2790 • Fellowship Exam Fee: \$8495 	Over	No
Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery	Australian Society of Otolaryngology, Head and Neck Surgery (ASOHNS delegated by RACS)	5 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection Registration Fee: \$570 • Selection Processing Fee: \$880 • Specialty SET Fee (ASOHNS): \$2950 • Specialty SET Fee (RACS): \$520 • Clinical Exam Fee: \$3100 • GSSE: \$4495 • SSE (OHNS): \$2045 • ASSET Course: \$3770 • CCrISP Course: \$3390 • EMST Course: \$2990 • Fellowship Exam Fee: \$8495 	Over	No
Paediatrics (and specialties)	Royal Australasian College of Physicians	6 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Training Fee: \$3543 • Basic Training Written Exam: \$1930 • Basic Training Clinical Exam: \$2888 • Admission to Fellowship: \$1274 	Under	No

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Paediatric Surgery	Royal Australasian College of Surgeons	6 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection Registration Fee: \$570 • Selection Processing Fee: \$880 • SET Training Fee: \$2630 • GSSE: \$4495 • Anatomy & Embryology Exam: \$4370 • Paed Pathophysiology Exam: \$2045 • Clinical Exam: \$3100 • ASSET Course: \$3770 • CCrISP Course: \$3390 • EMST Course: \$2990 • CLEAR Course: \$1650 • Fellowship Exam Fee: \$8495 	Over	No
Pain Medicine	Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists	2 Years (in addition to primary specialist training)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trainee Application Fee: \$2545 • Annual Training Fee: \$2465 • Registration Maintenance Fee: \$645 • Examination Fee: \$4180 • Long Case Assessment Fee: \$1390 	Under	Some
Palliative Medicine	Australasian Chapter of Palliative Medicine (RACP)	6 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Training Fee: \$3543 • Basic Training Written Exam: \$1930 • Basic Training Clinical Exam: \$2888 • Admission to Fellowship: \$1274 	Under	Some
Pathology (and specialties)	Royal College of Pathologists Australasia NB Some specialties involve dual College Fellowships	5 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial Registration Fee \$110 • Annual Training Fee \$1177 • Basic Pathological Sciences \$690 • Part 1 Examination \$2390 • Part 2 Examination \$2390 • Admission to Fellowship \$990 	Under	Some

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Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery	Australian Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS delegated by RACS)	5 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection Registration Fee: \$570 • Application Processing Fee: \$828 • GSSE Fee: \$4495 • PRSSPE Fee: \$3075 • SET Training Fee: \$3545 • Clinical Exam Fee: \$3100 • ASSET Course: \$3770 • CCrISP Course: \$3390 • EMST Course: \$2990 • Fellowship Exam Fee: \$8495 	Over	No
Psychiatry	Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists	5 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial Registration Fee: \$693 • Annual Training Fee: \$1840 • Annual Administrative Fee: \$488 • Written Exam (MCQ): \$1210 • Written Exam (Essay): \$1784 • OSCE Exam: \$2624 • Case History Submission: \$785 • Scholarly Project Submissions: \$785 	Under	Yes
Public Health Medicine	Australasian Faculty of Public Health Medicine (RACP)	6 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Training Fee: \$3543 • Basic Training Written Exam: \$1883 • AFPHM Oral Exam Fee: \$2888 • Admission to Fellowship: \$1274 	Neutral	No
Radiation Oncology	Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists	5 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Membership Subscription: \$2180 • Annual Training Fee: \$1932 • Phase 1 Exam: \$3475 • Phase 2 Exam: \$4735 	Over	Yes

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Radiology	Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists	5 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Membership Subscription: \$2180 • Annual Training Fee: \$1932 • Part 1 Exam: \$3475 • Part 2 Exam Fee: \$4735 	Over	Yes
Rehabilitation Medicine	Australasian Faculty of Rehabilitation Medicine (RACP)	4 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic Training Fee: \$3543 • AFRM Written Exam: \$1930 • AFRM Clinical Exam: \$2888 • Fellowship Written Exam \$1930 • Fellowship Clinical Exam \$2888 • Admission to Fellowship \$1274 	Under	No
Sexual Health Medicine	Australasian Chapter of Sexual Health Medicine (RACP)	6 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Training Fee: \$3543 • Basic Training Written Exam: \$1930 • Basic Training Clinical Exam \$2888 • Admission to Fellowship: \$1274 	Under	Some
Sport and Exercise Medicine	Australasian College of Sports Physicians	4 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Entrance (Part 1) Exam: \$2000 • Application for Interview: \$850 • Annual Subscription: \$1575 • Student Amenities Fee: \$1200 • E-Learning modules (5): \$1800/module • MOST Course: \$1290 • Ultrasound Training: \$1290 • Fellowship Written Exam: \$2330 • Fellowship Clinical Exam: \$2900 	Under	No

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Urology	Urological Society of Australia and New Zealand (USANZ delegated by RACS)	6 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection Registration Fee: \$570 • Selection Processing Fee: \$880 • GSSE Fee: \$4495 • Specialty SSE Fee: \$3075 • SET Training Fee: \$3545 • Clinical Exam Fee: \$3100 • ASSET Course: \$3770 • CCrISP Course: \$3390 • EMST Course: \$2990 • CLEAR Course: \$1650 • Fellowship Exam Fee: \$8495 	Over	No
Vascular Surgery	Australian and New Zealand Society for Vascular Surgery (ANZSVS delegated by RACS)	5 Years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection Registration Fee: \$570 • Selection Processing Fee: \$880 • GSSE Fee: \$4495 • Specialty SSE Fee: \$3075 • SET Training Fee: \$3545 • Clinical Exam Fee: \$3100 • ASSET Course: \$3770 • CCrISP Course: \$3390 • EMST Course: \$2990 • Fellowship Exam Fee: \$8495 	Over	No

* Oversubscribed means that there are more applicants than available training positions. In the UK, this is referred to as a “competition ratio” and this information is readily available but, in Australia, very few Colleges publicise these figures. These assessments are based on the best information available.

Based on modelling of medical workforce for 2025 by Health Workforce Australia (Health Workforce 2025 – Vol 3 – Medical Specialties) and NSW Health priorities (Health Professional Workforce Plan 2012)

Other Sources:

- College websites
- NSW Health Map My Career

For individual career advice and guidance, contact Dr Jo Hely: <https://www.insightmedicalconsulting.com.au>