



Australian and New Zealand College of Perfusionists

8th November 2019

To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to you on behalf of the College Executive, following the introduction of a new ANZCP Policy and Procedure to recognise perfusionists with certification from certain international certification authorities. This follows recommendations by the ANZCP Executive during 2018, and changes to the ***College Regulations and Guidelines*** made at the ANZCP Annual General Meeting in November 2018.

Prior to these changes, there was no mechanism for ABCP recognition of certification obtained overseas. The College has recognised that developing a pathway for recognition would be advantageous to you as an overseas trained perfusionist working in Australasia and going forward would serve the best interests of the perfusion community and our College.

I have attached the new ANZCP Overseas Trained Perfusionists (OTP) Certification Recognition Policy and Procedure (the Policy and Procedure) for your information. The introduction within this document outlines the previous issues and how the College has worked to improve this situation.

Policy and Procedure summary

The document establishes recognition of perfusion certification achieved via:

- The Canadian perfusion governing body (Canadian Society of Clinical Perfusion);
- The United States perfusion governing body (American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion);
- The United Kingdom and Ireland perfusion governing body (The Society of Clinical Perfusion Scientists of Great Britain and Ireland)
- Or certification training deemed equivalent by the ABCP.

What has changed and why is this beneficial?

Perfusionists who hold perfusion certification from other parts of the world and are currently living and working in Australia or New Zealand are now eligible to gain certification recognition. This will mean that perfusionists who have satisfied the ANZCP Policy requirements relating to Overseas Trained Perfusionists (OTPs), will be eligible to become “Fellows of the College” and use the title FANZCP, with associated membership benefits and voting rights.

The College recognises that there are differences in governance and regulation between Australia and New Zealand, and is working with Australian federal and state governments, and through key New Zealand perfusionists to support regulation and registration in both countries.

The ANZCP considers it highly likely that in the future, in order to practice as a perfusionist, certification will be required.

We believe the widening of certification recognition via this new policy, will be of benefit to OTPs. Additionally, participation in the ABCP Continuing Professional Development program will now be possible for OTPs – advantaging perfusionists, their employing hospitals and patients generally.



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I am writing to you as we believe you are eligible to become FANZCP as per the attached OTP policy. These requirements are detailed in the attached policy document; we hope you find them not too burdensome. You will find that we will be having a *viva* interview with everyone wishing to exercise the OTP pathway and we plan for this to be conducted as easily as possible.

I am excited to announce this opportunity on behalf of the College and I invite you to take this opportunity and become a Fellow of our College. We hope this policy is able to be seen as not removing opportunity but instead creating a pathway for OTP's to Full Fellowship of the College.

To take advantage of this pathway please read the attached Policy and Procedure and make contact with the College via admin@anzcp.org.

If you have any questions you can contact the College Administrative Officer (Andrea Hunt) at admin@anzcp.org; or contact me directly at president@anzcp.org and please nominate your interest as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

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