

## **Position Statement: CCP (ANZ) and OTP (ANZ): Credential Meaning, Public Safety and Credentialing Integrity**

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### **Purpose**

This position statement sets out the position of the Australian and New Zealand College of Perfusion (ANZCP) and the Australian and New Zealand Board of Perfusion (ANZBP) on the meaning, recognition, and integrity of the College's clinical perfusion credentials.

It clarifies the distinction between the Certified Clinical Perfusionist (Australia and New Zealand) credential and the Overseas Trained Perfusionist (Australia and New Zealand) designation and affirms that both exist within an ANZCP-governed credentialing framework designed to protect public safety, maintain professional standards, and support safe clinical practice.

### **Position**

- The Certified Clinical Perfusionist (Australia and New Zealand) credential is awarded only to individuals who have met the ANZCP requirements for training, supervision, assessment, and certification within the approved ANZCP training pathway.
- The Overseas Trained Perfusionist (Australia and New Zealand) designation is granted only to individuals who completed perfusion training outside Australia and New Zealand and who have been assessed by the ANZCP, through an approved credentialing pathway, as having qualifications, training, and competence that are acceptable for recognition within the ANZCP framework.

Both credentials carry significant professional and patient safety responsibility. Their integrity depends on the maintenance of clear, consistent, and defensible credentialing standards that protect the public and support safe clinical practice.

## Definitions and Credential Types

### 1. **Certified Clinical Perfusionist (Australia and New Zealand) - CCP (ANZ)**

The CCP (ANZ) credential is awarded to perfusionists who have completed the ANZCP-approved training pathway and who have met the ANZCP certification standards.

This includes completion of the required academic program, structured work-integrated learning, accredited supervision, accredited training site requirements, and the required certification assessments.

### 2. **Overseas Trained Perfusionist (Australia and New Zealand) - OTP (ANZ)**

The OTP (ANZ) ion training outside Australia and New Zealand and who have undergone ANZCP credentialing assessment through an approved pathway.

This includes the ANZCP assessment and examination requirements applicable to the relevant overseas-trained pathway, resulting in an ANZCP decision that the individual's qualifications, training, and competence are acceptable for recognition as an OTP (ANZ).

*Note: OTP (ANZ) is a credentialing designation and does not represent an alternative or lower standard pathway. It reflects an approved mechanism for the ANZCP to assess equivalence, where they have had no direct oversight of an overseas trained perfusionist's training, but have been assessed to ensure public safety for internationally trained practitioners.*

## What the Credentials Represent

Both the CCP (ANZ) credential and the OTP (ANZ) designation signify that an individual has been assessed within an ANZCP-governed credentialing framework and has met the requirements applicable to that pathway. These credentials indicate that the individual has been recognised by the ANZCP as meeting the standards of competence, professional accountability, and clinical safety required for practice in a safety-critical profession.

They also signify that the individual's recognition is grounded in formal assessment, not local familiarity, informal service exposure, or workplace-based assumptions of equivalence.

## Public Safety and Professional Accountability

Clinical perfusion involves high-risk clinical decision-making and direct impact on patient outcomes. Perfusion practitioners are entrusted with responsibilities that may affect oxygen delivery, circulation, gas exchange, anticoagulation, temperature management, organ protection, and crisis response in time-critical clinical environments.

As the credentialing body, the ANZBP is responsible for maintaining professional standards and public confidence by ensuring that individuals recognised by the College have met appropriate education, training, assessment, and credentialing requirements.

Credential integrity is therefore a matter of public safety, professional accountability, and sound governance. It supports safe service delivery, workforce planning, employer confidence, and community trust in the profession.

### **Consistency of Standards**

The ANZCP and ANZBP applies a clear, consistent, and defensible framework for credentialling. The requirements for recognition as a CCP (ANZ) and OTP (ANZ)

- are applied consistently to all applicants
- are determined through approved ANZCP processes and standards
- are not lowered, varied, or waived on an individual basis outside approved policy and governance processes.

This consistency is essential because any ad hoc variation or reduction in standards would undermine credentialling integrity, create inequity, weaken professional accountability, and compromise public safety.

### **Training or Upskilling Outside the Approved Pathway**

Local exposure, informal training, service development activity, or role-specific upskilling do not constitute ANZCP-recognised clinical perfusion training and do not confer eligibility for the CCP (ANZ) credential. Training toward the CCP (ANZ) credential must occur within the ANZCP-approved training pathway and accreditation framework.

Similarly, the OTP (ANZ) designation is not conferred by local service exposure, local orientation, or service upskilling. It is granted only following successful completion of the ANZCP-approved credentialling assessment pathway for overseas-trained practitioners.

Participation in local extracorporeal membrane oxygenation preparation, service familiarisation, or related clinical exposure does not in itself establish equivalence to ANZCP-recognised credentialling requirements.

### **Ongoing Professional Requirements**

Maintenance of credentialling integrity requires that practitioners and supervisors continue to meet the professional requirements set by the ANZCP, including recertification, currency of practice, and any other ongoing standards applicable to their role or credentialling status. Recognition at one point in time does not remove the need for continuing professional accountability. Ongoing requirements are necessary to maintain safety, professional standards, and confidence in the credential.

### **Use of Credentials and Professional Representation**

Hospitals, health services, employers, and individuals should ensure that the terms CCP (ANZ) and OTP (ANZ) are used accurately and only where the individual has been formally credentialled by the ANZCP. These credentials must not be represented as interchangeable with local service upskilling, workplace orientation, informal supervision, or exposure to extracorporeal technologies. Similarly, no person should be represented as holding either credential where the ANZCP has not formally granted that recognition. Accurate use of credential titles is important to professional transparency, workforce clarity, and public trust.

## Conclusion

In summary, the position of the Australian and New Zealand College of Perfusion and the Australian and New Zealand Board of Perfusion is that the Certified Clinical Perfusionist (ANZ) credential and the Overseas Trained Perfusionist (ANZ) designation are formal ANZCP credentials granted only through approved education, training, supervision, assessment, and credentialing pathways.

These credentials are not conferred through local service activity, informal upskilling, or individual discretion. Their integrity depends on consistent standards, formal governance, and a clear commitment to public safety. Accordingly, the ANZCP will continue to apply its credentialing requirements consistently in order to protect patients, support safe clinical practice, and maintain the integrity and trustworthiness of its professional credentials.

## Enquiries

For enquiries regarding the CCP (ANZ) credential, the OTP (ANZ) designation, credentialing standards, or certification pathways: Contact: Chair of the Australian and New Zealand Board of Perfusion [abcp@anzcp.org](mailto:abcp@anzcp.org)