



The Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Radiologists

Short Term Training Positions in Australia - Application Process 2009

Applicants who wish to enter a genuine short-term specialist training position in radiology or radiation oncology in Australia, including those applying for Occupational Training Visas, will require assessment by RANZCR for purpose of registration. This pathway is NOT available to those IMGs who have not had substantial specialist training and/or are applying for service positions which do not have a training program that meets their specific needs.

What is the role of RANZCR?

The role of The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists (RANZCR) is to determine whether the position is a genuine training position and whether the training program is appropriate for the applicant according to the following specific criteria:

- The applicant is a recognised specialist or specialist-in-training in their country of training, the latter category comprising those who have passed specialist examinations and/or are no more than two years from completing specialist training in their country of training.
- The applicant will be undertaking training or obtaining experience in Australia not available in their country of training, for a short period - normally up to one year but can in exceptional circumstances be extended to two years, and includes opportunities such as exchange fellowships.
- The applicant has stated their intention to return to their country of training at the end of training in Australia.
- There is comprehensive documentation concerning the training program and the nominated supervisor and evidence that the training program is appropriate for the applicant, taking into consideration their prior training and experience.

If the above criteria are satisfied, RANZCR will provide a formal letter of support which is necessary to obtain conditional registration by the relevant medical board. Applicants who do not satisfy the criteria will need to progress through one of the AMC non-specialist IMG assessment pathways that lead to the awarding of the AMC Certificate.

It is not the college's role or responsibility to determine if a proposed visa category is appropriate but only to provide a recommendation as to whether the appropriate criteria are satisfied, i.e. that the position is a genuine training position and whether the training program is appropriate for the applicant according to specific criteria.

Who can apply for a short term training position?

International Medical Graduates are eligible to apply for short term training positions. Applicants must have a primary Bachelor of Medicine degree and have undertaken a minimum of 3 years post graduate training in radiology and/or radiation oncology. Verification of post graduate training will be required before approval. In addition, the hospital that undertakes the trainee must be a fully accredited training department without conditions for 5 years or be partially accredited.

What documents are required in an application to RANZCR?

The hospital must submit the following documents:

- a position description and/or detailed training program
- a written statement that the appointment will not disadvantage any trainees currently registered in the College's training program
- a written statement that the applicant will return to their country of training at the end of the training in Australia
- the candidate's curriculum vitae, including evidence of post graduate training in radiology or radiation oncology

- completed RANZCR application form
- relevant State/Territory Medical Board form
- copy of OET/IELTS certificate, where relevant

How long does the College assessment process take?

Up to three weeks, provided all documentation is submitted. Employers/hospitals must ensure the application is complete, before submitting it to the College to avoid administrative delays. Once the applicant has been assessed, the hospital will be formally notified by way of a formal letter of support from the College.

It is the responsibility of the employer to submit the necessary documentation directly to RANZCR for consideration as to whether the position fits the above criteria. The role of making the final determination about the most suitable applicant for a position rests solely with the employer.

What is the fee for the College OTV assessment process?

The 2009 administrative fee is AUD \$165.00, including GST.

Can the training be extended?

Yes, training can be extended in exceptional circumstances up to 2 years only. To do this, the employing hospital must submit a new application along with the processing fee. Endorsement of training must be done every 12 months and the College will not issue letters of support for training beyond a total of 24 months of training.