



ANAESTHESIA

Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA)

To become an Anaesthetist, you will need to apply for fellowship with the [Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists](#). Fellowship is a 5-year (full time equivalent) training pathway consisting of 4 training periods:

- 6 months Introductory Training
- 18 months Basic Training
- 24 months Advanced Training
- 12 months Provisional Fellowship Training (PFT).

Entry requirements/pre-requisites

- General Medical Registration with the Medical Board of Australia.
- Be a citizen of Australia or New Zealand or a permanent resident of Australia.
- 24 months prevocational medical education and training (earliest year of entry is PGY3), including at least 12 months of broadly-based clinical experience in areas other than anaesthesia, intensive care medicine or pain medicine.
- Secured a registrar position in an accredited training department (for Queensland, this is done through the RMO campaign).

Application and selection process – how to apply

There is a two stage process to becoming an anaesthetic trainee. The first is the [application](#) to the College (ANZCA) which can occur after 52 weeks of prevocational medical training (end of PGY1). Selection into the ANZCA program is based on your written application addressing the selection criteria and CV, an interview and supporting referee reports.

The second stage is registration which occurs once a trainee has secured a training position within an ANZCA accredited department.

In Queensland, the [Queensland Anaesthetic Rotational Training Scheme \(QARTS\)](#) is a sponsored body that is responsible for the overall recruitment and administration of the placement process, and they work closely with Queensland Health, therefore, prospective trainees need to apply for an accredited training position through the [RMO campaign](#).

Once you have secured the training position through the RMO campaign, you can then apply for registration with ANZCA and commence your training.

Regional Training Hub Southern Queensland

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Useful contacts and links

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Medi-Nav: <https://medinav.health.qld.gov.au>

Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists: <http://www.anzca.edu.au/>

ANZCA Handbook for Training: <http://www.anzca.edu.au/documents/training-accreditation-handbook>

Queensland Anaesthetic Rotational Training Scheme (QARTS): <https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/work-for-us/clinical/medical/recruitment/training/qarts>

National Medical Workforce Factsheet: <https://hwd.health.gov.au/webapi/customer/documents/factsheets/2016/Anaesthesia%20factsheet.pdf>

Program requirements

Training program requirements: ANZCA Anaesthesia Training Program Curriculum - <https://www.anzca.edu.au/getattachment/f77f6ee6-66af-4801-8905-bd0ded1a67b1/ANZCA-Anaesthesia-Training-Program-Curriculum>

Regional training opportunities in Southern Queensland

There are currently 10 ANZCA registrar positions in Toowoomba*.

***Position data valid as at October 2020.**

The following table outlines the training pathway and stages that the Toowoomba Hospital is accredited for:

COLLEGE	SPECIALTY		Basic Training (Months)	Advanced Training (Months)	Years of Training (Years)	Earliest year of entry into program	TRAINING PROGRAM				Additional Information
							Introductory Training (Months)	Basic Training (Months)	Advanced Training (Months)	Provisional Fellowship Training (Months)	
ANZCA	ANAESTHESIA	Maximum Approved Training Time across Introductory, Basic and Advanced Training	24	36	5	PGY3	6	18	24	12	Toowoomba Hospital has the following pre-defined and pre-approved Provisional Fellowship Year (PFY) positions: - 2 x Anaesthetic Registrar/Provisional Fellows
	Toowoomba Hospital	52 weeks					✓ (Note maximum approved training time of 12 months)			✓	

Map your Anaesthetic training pathway in Southern Queensland

It is expected that all ANZCA trainees complete rotations in core, metropolitan and regional hospitals. In Queensland, there are 4 networks: Northern Hospital Rotation, Central Hospital Rotation, Gold Coast Hospital Rotation and Southern Hospital Rotation.

Toowoomba Hospital is a regional hospital which forms part of the Southern Rotation. Hospitals in this network include: Bundaberg Hospital, Ipswich Hospital, Logan Hospital, Mater Hospital, Princess Alexandra Hospital, QEII Hospital, Queensland Children's Hospital, Redland Hospital, The Prince Charles Hospital and **Toowoomba Hospital**.

Please note that progress through the rotation is dependent on successful application to QARTS at PGY3, PGY4 or PGY5 for entry and ANZCA requirements for each training year.

The following table provides an example networked pathway from internship through to fellowship in the Southern Queensland region:

ANAESTHETICS TRAINING PATHWAY - SOUTHERN ROTATION EXAMPLE						
PGY1	PGY2	PGY3	PGY4	PGY5	PGY6	PGY7
Intern	RMO	Introductory (6 months) + Basic Training (6 months)	Basic Training	Advanced Training	Advanced Training	Provisional Fellow Year (pre-defined plan)
Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital	Ipswich Hospital	Mater Hospital	Princess Alexandra Hospital	Toowoomba Hospital

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