

# ANAESTHESIA TRAINING PATHWAY

## ENTRY

### Registering as an ANZCA trainee is a two-step process

#### To Apply you must:

- Be a registered medical practitioner
- Have completed at least 52 weeks (full-time equivalent) prevocational medical education and training (PMET)

#### To Register you must:

- Be a current applicant
- Have completed at least 104 weeks PMET (with no more than 52 weeks in any combination of anaesthesia, intensive care or pain medicine)
- Provide confirmation of appointment to an ANZCA-accredited training position

**Application** (after PGY1)  
To assess eligibility to register as an ANZCA Trainee

**Registration** (after PGY2)  
Once a training position in an ANZCA-accredited training site has been obtained

**Anaesthetics Registrar**  
(ANZCA Trainee)

Full details of the application and registration processes are available in section 2.9 of the ANZCA Handbook for Training and Accreditation:

<http://www.anzca.edu.au/documents/training-accreditation-handbook.pdf>

### Current fees (\$AUD)

Application Fee (non-refundable)	\$705
Registration Fee	\$2,285
Annual Training Fee:	\$3,090
Primary Examination Fee	\$5,180
Final Examination Fee	\$5,760
AUD	

The full list of ANZCA fees is available at <http://www.anzca.edu.au/training/fees>

## TRAINING PROGRAM

### Curriculum

Incorporates three elements:

- Training in clinical fundamentals (core units) and roles in practice as well as specialised study units (SSU)
- Volume of practice (VOP) requirements
- Workplace-based assessments (WBA)

### Introductory Training

min 26 weeks (6 months) max 52 weeks\* requires:

- Registration for access to the TPS
- Initial assessment of anaesthetic competence (IAAC)
- VOP and WBA requirements
- An advanced life support (ALS) course or equivalent
- A clinical placement review (CPR)
- A core unit review (CUR)

### Basic Training

min 78 weeks (18 months) max 182 weeks\* requires:

- VOP, WBA, ALS, CPRs, CUR
- Two of five required scholar role activities
- Successful completion of the **Primary Exam**

### Advanced Training

min 104 weeks (24 months) max 260 weeks\* requires:

- VOP, WBA, ALS, CPR, CUR
- An Emergency Management of Severe Trauma (EMST) course
- Remaining scholar role activities
- An approved study plan for PFT
- Successful completion of the **Final Exam**

### Provisional Fellowship Training

min 52 weeks (12 months) max 104 weeks\* requires:

- VOP, WBA, CPR
- Participation in the ANZCA Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program
- Emergency Management of Anaesthetic Crises (EMAC) course
- Scholar role activities
- Successful completion of a **Provisional Fellowship Review**

### Minimum 5 years:

The training program is undertaken over five years (260 weeks) during supervised clinical placements within ANZCA-accredited training sites.

**Introductory Training**  
6 months

**Basic Training**  
18 months

**Primary Exam**

**Advanced Training**  
24 months

**Final Exam**

**Provisional Fellow**

**Provisional Fellowship Training**  
12 months

**Provisional Fellowship Review**

**Consultant/Staff Specialist**  
FANZCA

**CPD**

Meet ANZCA annual and triennial CPD requirements

ANZCA uses a secure online **Training Portfolio System** (TPS) for trainees to record all aspects of their training.

Details of the ANZCA Anaesthesia Training Program Curriculum are available at:

<http://www.anzca.edu.au/documents/anaesthesia-training-program-curriculum.pdf>

### Anaesthesia Training in Tasmania

ANZCA approved Tasmanian training sites are:

- North West Regional Hospital:** 104 weeks (2 years) including the Mersey Hospital as a Satellite
- Launceston General Hospital:** 104 weeks (2 years)
- Royal Hobart Hospital:** 156 weeks (3 years)

The **Tasmanian Anaesthesia Training Program** (TATP) guarantees trainees the clinical opportunities required to complete 4 years structured training within Tasmania (Basic Training Year 1 to Advanced Training Year 2).

In return for this, TATP trainees are expected to rotate through any of the Tasmanian training sites during the 4-year training period.

There are **16 TATP** rotational positions.

There are also a number of ANZCA accredited Hospital training positions. These are one-year positions and trainees must apply for a new post each year to continue their training.

### Tasmanian positions

- North West Regional/Mersey Hospital**
  - 14 full-time and part-time consultant staff
  - 6 Registrars
- Launceston General Hospital**
  - 20 full-time and part-time consultant staff
  - 8 Registrars
  - 2 RMOs
- Royal Hobart Hospital**
  - 40 full-time and part-time consultant staff
  - 17 Registrars

## CPD

Trainees who successfully complete the ANZCA Training Program and are assessed to have met the requirements for admission to fellowship qualify for independent practice as a Specialist Anaesthetist in Australia and New Zealand, and are awarded **Fellowship of Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (FANZCA)**

**Flexible training options** may be available including:

- Part-time training (min 50%)
- Overseas training
- Interrupted training (max 104 weeks)
- Extended training