

COLLEGE UPDATE

ACCREDITATION, STANDARDS AND AST UPDATE DECEMBER 2020

TRAINING ORGANISATION ACCREDITATION

The College has reviewed the ongoing requirements for training organisation accreditation.

- The Training Organisation Annual Report has been expanded to include reporting on selected existing standards, new mandatory indicators (see below) and COVID, in addition to the regular requirements.
- The [Annual Report](#) is due COB Wednesday 31 March 2021 to allow time to prepare additional information.
- Regular reporting as detailed in the [Training Organisation Standards](#) will continue.
- The College will issue each training organisation with an Accreditation Report based on information provided in the Annual Report and information collected by the College over the previous year.
- Where there are concerns regarding training organisation compliance with standards, ongoing reporting will be required.

Accreditations due this year (2020) have been given a provisional extension till July 2021 to allow the revised process to be completed.

SUPERVISOR AND TRAINING POST STANDARDS

The revised [Supervisor and Training Post Standards](#) consulted on earlier this year have been approved by the Board. The key changes are:

- The Standards have been rewritten according to the Accreditation of Training Sites for Specialist Medical Training: [AHMAC agreed standards](#). The indicators from the former ACRRM standards are included as 'Evidence'.

- The standards, criteria and evidence are written as outcomes. Inputs, such as qualifications, number of hours, percentages etc are not prescribed.
- These Standards replace the former three sets of standards: Core Clinical, Primary Rural and Remote and Advanced Specialised Training.

The revision of the standards does not change the expectations around training posts. Accredited health services will not be required to make changes to meet the new standards.

TRAINING ORGANISATIONS STANDARDS

The [Training Organisation Standards](#) have also been revised. The language in the standards has been updated to reflect changes in structure and terminology in the training program resulting from the revision to the College curriculum and policies.

Two new mandatory indicators have been added:

All ACRRM registrars have the support of a Fellow of ACRRM throughout Core Generalist and Advanced Specialised Training, irrespective of training location. The Fellow may be supporting the registrar as a supervisor or medical educator.

Medical educators communicate with registrars and their supervisors to review performance and progress, at minimum each six months, throughout Core Generalist and Advanced Specialised Training.

These requirements come into effect 1 January 2021 and training organisations have 12 months to fully comply.



ADVANCED SPECIALISED TRAINING (AST)

AST formative activities are being strengthened next year to increase registrar support and feedback from supervisors and medical educators. There are no changes to summative assessment requirements.

The supervisor report is being replaced by a progressive report that is completed each quarter by the registrar and supervisor. This report plus workplace based assessments (WBA) and course certificates are to be sent to their training organisation and copied to training@acrmm.org.au.

The responsibility for support and monitoring of registrars remains with the training organisation. The College will use the information in the report to gain a better understanding of the types of posts that are most suited to AST, plus gain feedback on the new form and process.

Registrars will be strongly encouraged to complete and submit case based discussions conducted by their supervisor in addition to formative mini Clinical Evaluation Exercises (miniCEXs). In procedural ASTs some miniCEXs may be replaced by Direct Observation of Procedural Skills (DOPS).

The [Fellowship Training Program Handbook 2021](#) provides further information and will be published prior to the end of the year.

It is important the College is aware of registrars undertaking ASTs next year. Training organisations must reply to the request sent for a list of all registrars undertaking an AST in 2021.

