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## **Policy on Supervisor Accreditation**

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### **1. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to outline the requirements for accreditation to be a supervisor of registrars training towards Fellowship of ACRRM.

### **2. Related documents:**

This policy should be read with reference to the following related documents:

- Standards for Supervisors and Teaching Posts in Primary Rural and Remote Training; and
- Post accreditation policy.

### **3. Policy**

FACRRM registrars must be trained in ACRRM accredited environments which meet the standards set out in the Standards for Supervisor and Teaching Posts in Primary Rural and Remote Training. Supervising medical practitioners must have sufficient qualifications and experience to act as a supervisor. Supervisors must meet the minimum eligibility criteria.

Supervisors must fulfil the following eligibility criteria:

1. Current full and unrestricted registration with the national medical board;
2. Fellowship of ACRRM or has experience and qualifications which are assessed by ACRRM to be equivalent\*;
3. Not less than five years full-time equivalent experience in Rural and Remote Medicine or other rural specialist practice;
4. The ability to act as an appropriate role model, exhibiting a high standard of clinical competence, communication skills and professional values in relation to patient care; and
5. Demonstrated commitment to ongoing professional development.

\*Where a supervisor is not a Fellow of ACRRM, equivalent experience/expertise must be assessed by the Vocational Training team against the criteria set out in Section 5 of this policy.

### **5. Accrediting Non-FACRRM Supervisors**

Applicants who are not Fellows of ACRRM will need to demonstrate that they meet ACRRM eligibility criteria and that they have training and experience equivalent to that required for Fellowship of ACRRM.

Equivalence of training and experience will be assessed by the Vocational Training team, using the point scale below. The applicant must demonstrate equivalent training and experience to the value of 16 points on this scale to be considered eligible. If a score of 15 or below is reached, the application will be referred to the Vocational Training Committee for consideration. Points will be awarded for the following criteria:

1. Fellowship of an AMC accredited Australian or New Zealand Professional College (or recognised equivalent), e.g. FRACGP, FACEM.
  - *Maximum of 8 points available in this category*
  - *Points may be awarded for partial completion*
2. Rural Experience – Time spent in rural and/or remote clinical practice in an academic, peer-reviewed or accredited environment.
  - *Maximum of 6 points available in this category*
  - *2 points can be allocated for every five years spent, up to a maximum of 15 years*
3. Active and confirmed participation in a PDP/ QA program over the last 3 years.
  - *Maximum of 3 points available in this category*
4. Current Clinical Privileges.
  - *Maximum of 4 points available in this category*
  - *1 point for each of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Anaesthetics, Surgery and Emergency Medicine*
5. Further tertiary level training relevant to Rural and Remote Medicine.
  - *Maximum of 4 points available in this category*
  - Graduate Certificate = 1 point
  - Graduate/Post Graduate Diploma = 2 points
  - Masters Degree = 3 points
  - Professional Doctorate, MD or PhD = 4 points
6. Completion of accredited courses within the last 5 years.
  - *Maximum of 6 points in this category*
  - EMST, APLS, ALSO, PHTLS, EM, REST, ELS = 1 point each
  - Other state-based trauma and acute care courses as recognised by ACRRM censor and promoted via ACRRM's PDP. For example, Radiology and Ultrasound skills based training = 1 point each
7. Leadership and Academic Activity.
  - *Maximum of 3 points in this category*
  - Development of, or leadership in, the relevant specialty or a relevant specialty field of rural and remote medicine at a national or international level = 1 point
  - Ongoing contribution to undergraduate or postgraduate education = 1 point
  - Five publications as primary or secondary author in national or international peer-reviewed scientific journals/books/scientific proceedings = 1 point

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