

Policy: Acknowledgement of Prior Learning

Introduction

Due to the advanced nature of the Specialisation Program, a candidate will usually not have the prior learning needed to be exempted from the program. The College does recognise, however, that careers do not always follow an upward progression, such that a candidate may have specialised knowledge or skills in some areas of the training program. This is the basis of the College's Acknowledgement of Prior Learning (APL) procedure.

Exemption of Part of the Training Program

Training and performance of the Specialisation Program is measured against four elements. Three of these may be the subject of an Application for APL.

The remaining element (Element 1: Development of specialist skills in the area of practice) cannot be subject to APL. This is in recognition of the individualised nature of the Specialist Program, which involves ongoing assessment and formative feedback of the candidate. As the delivery of training will be based on the needs of the candidate, there are no structured components of any individualised course to be subject for Application of APL.

The elements which a candidate or prospective candidate may apply for APL are:

- Element 2. Participation in professional education.
- Element 3. Commitment to lifelong learning and professional development.
- Element 4. Participation in research activities.

The Board of Censors will consider a written application submitted with evidence against the elements. The Board of Censors may grant exemption from part of the training program.

Financial Outcome

There is no deduction of fees based on successful application of APL for any exemption of elements 2, 3 or 4 or any part of the training program.