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The purpose of this regulation is to define the assessment of Specialist registration as an independent specialist surgeon in Australia. Any SIM RACS will be assessed in accordance with MBA Standards and RACS

This regulation defines the standards applied in assessing the compar

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holders of Fellowship of RACS, and hence their suitability for independent surgical practice in Australia.

2. KEYWORDS

Specialist; International; Medical; Graduate; Assessment; Fellowship; Australia

3. SIMG ASSESSMENT

3.1. Application for Assessment

- 3.1.1. SIMGs with formal postgraduate specialist qualifications in surgery may apply to RACS for assessment of their qualifications. Applications must be received in the format specified by RACS, as detailed in the SIMG section of RACS website.
- 3.1.2. Prior to applying to RACS an SIMG must apply to the Australian Medical Council (AMC) and the Educational Commission for Foreign Medical Graduates (ECFMG) for verification of their primary medical and specialist surgical qualifications.
- 3.1.3. SIMGs can apply for assessment of comparability but cannot restrict the level of assessment (e.g. request an assessment only for substantial comparability).
- 3.1.4. An SIMG may be assessed on the basis of a document-based assessment alone, or by a document-based assessment and assessment interview.

3.2. Assessment Standards

- 3.2.1. From documents submitted by an SIMG and their interview performance (where invited) RACS determines a pathway to Fellowship based on a comparison to the training, assessment, experience, recent practice and continuing professional development of an Australian and New Zealand trained surgical specialist commencing in the same field of practice. The factors considered are:
 - a. Recency of practice;
 - b. Specialist surgical training;
 - c. Postgraduate training and experience;
 - d. Quantity, depth and scope of practice since completion of training.
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3.6. Assessment Timeframes

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Appendix 1

Specialist International Medical Graduate Agreement

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and Appeal Regulation that sets out the circumstances in which I may appeal decisions regarding my specialist assessment.

- 9 I agree to seek feedback about my specialist assessment experience, as appropriate. If I have concerns, it is my responsibility to raise them.
- 10 I acknowledge that while RACS (and its agents) is the accredited assessor, RACS is not my employer, and I must abide by my employer's employment conditions. Where there is conflict between my employment obligations and specialist assessment requirements, I will advise my SIMG Supervisors accordingly. If I have concerns about my treatment in the workplace generally I should raise them with my employer in the first instance.
- 11 I release my SIMG Supervisors, the Specialty Training Board/Committee or equivalent and RACS (and its representatives) from all claims or liability arising from advice or assistance given in good faith.
- 12 I acknowledge that it is my responsibility to be fully informed and aware of all requirements of RACS, particularly regulations, policies, rules, guidelines and time limits in relation to my specialist assessment as an SIMG, including information available on RACS and Specialist Society websites.
- 13 I agree to make all applications and provide all information required by RACS within the time limits or deadlines stipulated by RACS.
- 14 I acknowledge that one of my requirements to achieve Fellowship of RACS is to undertake and provide evidence of Continuing Professional Development activities for the duration of my assessment validity period within the time limits or deadlines stipulated by RACS.
- 15 I authorise release of my contact details to the Specialist Society representing my specialty to enable it to contact me about educational opportunities and events.

Name:		RACS ID:	
Signed:		Date:	