Portfolio:	Education	Ref. No.	ETA-IMG-029
Team:	International Medical Graduate Assessments		
Title:	IMG Assessment Post Accreditation		

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) has been appointed by the Medical Board of Australia (MBA) and the Australian Medical Council (AMC) to assess the specialist surgical qualifications of International Medical Graduates (IMG) to ascertain the level of comparability (i.e. equivalence) to the standards of training and practice associated with an Australian and New Zealand trained surgeon.

IMGs that have been assessed as partially or substantially comparable are required to undertake workplace based clinical assessment in a position approved by RACS. Decisions regarding assessment post accreditation are made by the Specialty Board of the specialty in which an IMG is being assessed. The Board may delegate its decision making authority to an individual or to a sub-committee. When a delegation authority is exercised the decision of the delegate is a decision of the Board.

Clinical Assessment is undertaken within the guidelines specified by the RACS and the Medical Board of Australia (MBA) on Supervised Practice for International Medical Graduates required to undertake Level 3 supervision and Level 4 supervision.

2. KEYWORDS

Hospital post, hospital, education, standards, clinical, assessment, supervision.

3. BODY OF POLICY

3.1. ACCREDITATION OF POSTS

3.1.1. It is the responsibility of an IMG who has accepted a pathway to Fellowship by Assessment (substantially comparable) or Examination (partially comparable) to obtain a hospital post in which to undertake workplace based clinical assessment, and to submit it to RACS for approval.

3.1.2. Applications for accreditation of an assessment post will only be assessed for IMGs who have completed the RACS ñOperating with Respectò eLearning module.

3.1.3. Posts submitted for approval for clinical assessment are assessed in accordance with the following criteria:

a. the suitability of the position for MBA Level 3 supervision or MBA Level 4 supervision.

b. suitability of the scope of work for assessing the clinical practice of the IMG.

c. a minimum of three elective theatre sessions (minimum duration ½ day) per week which provide opportunities for the IMG to demonstrate the RACS competencies and is based on a combination of theatre time, case numbers and case mix.

d.