

SUBMISSION

Consultation on Draft Registration Standard for Specialist Registration

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The Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators (RACMA) is a medical specialty college of more than 900 Fellows, Associate Fellows and trainees in public and private health settings across Australasia. The College sets standards and provides professional development and specialist qualifications in medical management and leadership to registered medical practitioners.

RACMA welcomes this opportunity to respond to the consultation on the *Draft Revised Registration Standard for Specialist Registration*.

RACMA has provided a general comments to the draft revised standard. RACMA agrees to this submission being treated as a public document and being cited in any reports that may result from this consultation process.

The dual meaning of ‘fellowship’

The College does not support the removal of the dual meaning of ‘fellowship’ in the standard. While the National Law defines the qualification of ‘fellowship’ as holding an approved qualification for the specialty, RACMA considers ‘fellowship’ to be both the approved qualification and ongoing membership of the College.

This position is advocated by RACMA as it is a proven method for maintaining high standards of medical specialty practice. At RACMA, ‘fellowship’ is associated to membership of the College, and it is linked to the qualification. This association with the College is also congruent with discussions and directions regarding revalidation.



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Other proposed changes to the standard

The College agrees the other proposed changes to the draft revised registration standard result in a standard that is clearer and more workable than the current standard.

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