



**POST-FELLOWSHIP TRAINING
in HPB Surgery
AUSTRALIA and AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND**

Guidelines for Applicants

HPB Surgical Training in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand is provided through the Post Fellowship Training Programme of AANZHPBA. The Program is a two year program administered by the Training Board of AANZHPBA. **The FRACS is a pre-requisite for this Program.**

The philosophy of the training program has been to foster the development and to improve the quality of HPB Surgery in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand.

1. Application for the Post Fellowship Training Program

ALL APPLICATIONS must be made via the online application

Enquiries should be made to:

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Applicants are required to complete an online applicant aanzhpba.com/fellowship-training

1. Applicants will be required to outline career plans and nominate four references, one must be Head of Unit, (with email addresses and mobile phone numbers),

- 1.1 Covering Letter (max 500 words) should include Why you should be selected, future job prospects.

- 1.2 CV and Research should include

- Current Position
- Previous Clinical Appointments
- Registrations
- Higher education
- Prizes & Scholarships
- Academic Appointments & Teaching Experience
- Professional Memberships
- Courses & Certifications
- Published papers (Abstracts to be referenced with link, letter of proof).
- Original manuscripts
- Others (letters, editorials etc) – Awaiting publication
- Published abstracts
- Presentations – Podium – Poster
- Current research projects – Title / Involvement
- Other achievements
- Other interests
- Other information we should know, and

- 1.2.1 Referees must include (4) Names and email addresses of four referees, one of whom should be considered as the Head of your current unit even if not in area of HPB.

- 1.2.2 Declaration must be ticked as acknowledgement at the end of the application declaring all information contained is accurate and true before submitting.

2. Date and place of attaining the Fellowship in General Surgery (FRACS). Applications may be accepted from candidates sitting their final FRACS exams in May of the year of application, but they will not be considered for interview if they do not pass this exam.

Some indication as to future prospects and aspirations following completion of the training program should be provided. This information would be expected to include details of any proposed overseas training, and some indication as to the future career of the trainee in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand.

3. Closing date for Application

Each year advertised in January/February “Surgical News”, published by the RACS, and the AANZHPBA website www.aanzhpba.com. Interviews take place between late May and mid June, with training commencing the following year in late January/ February. Face to Face interviews are held in Melbourne and applicants must be available to attend the interview in person (unless extraordinary circumstances exist – this will be advised by committee).

4. Requirements during Training

The following requirements are mandatory for trainees to satisfactorily complete training:

1. Keep a detailed logbook of all operative experience, in the format provided by AANZHPBA, using the RACS MALT system.
2. Take part in an ongoing assessment program.
3. Attend for annual face to face interview at the Trainees weekend or other time as assigned
4. Attend the annual Post Fellowship Trainees Weekend
5. Pass the end of program AANZHPBA Exam
6. Participate in Journal Club meetings.
7. Trainees are expected to undertake HPB research of some sort during their two years training. Presentation at a state, national or international meeting annual meeting at least once is mandatory.

5. Selection of Trainees

Members of the AANZHPBA training committee, and co-opted persons as deemed appropriate, will be the selection panel for the Program. The selection panel will consider the applications prior to short-listing if necessary and interview the applicants. All applicants will be notified of the results of their application, in writing, by the Chairman of the AANZHPBA Training Committee.

NOTE: Evidence of FRACS is required before an applicant will be scheduled for interview.

6. Training

The training programme as designed for each successful applicant will vary. Applicants' preferences will be considered, but the final allocation of positions will be by the AANZHPBA training committee according to the needs of the training program. The two years of training will generally be undertaken in two different cities, except under exceptional circumstances. A fellow must have each year in different hospital units. A year of overseas training in a pre-approved post or a year of research in an approved research unit is possible during the Program.

7. Supervisors of Training

The supervisors will be appointed by AANZHPBA after nomination by the Head of the Hospital HPB Surgical Unit. Their responsibilities will include the structure and supervision of the individual training posts, and ensuring that assessment forms are completed and discussed prior to return to the Chairman of the Training committee.

8. Certification

At the completion of the program, the AANZHPBA Training Committee will review the training, final assessment, and exam. Successful completion of the program will occur when all mandatory criteria have been met, satisfactory reports received from the supervisors of training, passed AANZHPBA exam, and after final assessment review by the AANZHPBA training committee. A certificate of completion of satisfactory training will be presented at a ceremony the following year.