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 Education and Training Programme of the AANZHPBA. The program is a two-year program administered by the Training Committee of the AANZHPBA. Australian or Aotearoa New Zealand citizenship or permanent residence, appropriate medical registration in Australia or New Zealand and the FRACS are pre-requisites 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.

Application for the Post Fellowship Training Program

ALL APPLICATIONS must be made via the online application

Enquiries should be made to:
Executive Officer, AANZHPBA
24 King William Street, Kent Town SA 5067
+61 08 8239 0086
info@aanzhpba.com

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

1. Applicants will be required to provide a cover letter, structured CV and nominate three referees:

1.1 Covering Letter (max 500 words) should include why you believe you should be selected, your career plans and future job prospects. This information would be

expected to include details of any proposed overseas training, and some indication as to your future career in Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand.

1.2 CV should be completed using the prescribed structured form.

1.3 Referees must include names, email addresses and mobile phone numbers of three referees, one of whom must be Head of Unit.

2. The declaration must be ticked at the end of the application declaring all information contained is accurate and true before submitting.

3. Date and place of attaining the Fellowship in General Surgery (FRACS) is required. 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.

Application fee
An application fee is payable as determined by the AANZHPBA board. The application fee is non-refundable. Applicants are responsible for ensuring they meet the eligibility requirements for entry to the program and can commence training in accordance with the program regulations.

Closing date for Applications
Each year as advertised on the AANZHPBA website www.aanzhpba.com

Interviews
Interviews take place between mid May and mid June for entry to the program the following year. Interviews are held via zoom and/or face to face in Melbourne as advised each year.

C**ommencement of training**
Training commences in late January/early February according to the standard Australian/Aotearoa New Zealand training year.

Selection of Trainees
Trainee selection aims to identify those doctors with the values, attitudes and aptitude required to become competent hepato-pancreatico-biliary surgeons. The selection process will involve assessment of an applicant's knowledge, skills, and behaviour and takes into account their clinical experience, academic and other life achievements.

Applications will be considered by the Training Committee of the AANZHPBA.The selection panel will short-list the applicants for interview and conduct applicant interviews. NOTE: Evidence of FRACS is required before an applicant will be scheduled for interview.

All applicants will be notified of the results of their application, in writing, by the Chair of the AANZHPBA Training Committee.

For further details regarding selection, Trainees should refer to the Training Regulations Handbook

Requirements during training
Trainees must be prepared and able to meet ALL of the program requirements as outlined in the Training Regulations Handbook.

Annual Training Fee
From 2027 onwards, trainees entering the PFET program will be required to pay an annual fee of $4125. This represents approximately 50% of the total cost of delivering the program, with the association continuing to fund the remaining share.

Post allocation for PFET year 1
The training programme as designed for each successful applicant will vary and the final allocation of posts will be by the AANZHPBA Training Committee. Applicants should expect to be posted away from their home state in PFET year 1.

Supervisors of Training
Each hospital post has an allocated supervisor. Their responsibilities will include the structure and supervision of the individual training posts, and completion (or appropriate delegation) of the required assessments.

Certification
At the completion of the program, the AANZHPBA Training Committee will review the training documentation including research requirement, final assessment, and exam. Successful completion of the program will be certified by the Training Committee once all mandatory criteria have been met as detailed in the Training Regulations Handbook. A certificate of completion of satisfactory training will be presented at a ceremony at the following AANZHPBA scientific meeting.