

# JCCA Policy on recognition of prior learning

## Background

Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) refers to the acknowledgement of skills and knowledge already attained in the context of awarding credit/recognition against a course of study or qualification.

## Objectives

- » To enable a robust and transparent process to issue a statement of equivalence of training to the JCCA's curriculum for those general practitioners (GPs) who have previously completed some form of recognised anaesthesia training
- » Following the JCCA RPL adjudication process a statement of the level of equivalence of training of the applicant is provided, including any further supervision, education and/or training that is required.

## Outcome for the GP seeking RPL

The recognition granted to the GP can be used as evidence of appropriate training in anaesthesia which can be submitted to a hospital credentialling committee when the GP applies for privileges in a rural area.

The statement scope is for education and training. The statement is not approval to practise as a GP anaesthetist in a rural area in the future. This is not the JCCA's decision and requires credentialling by a hospital credentialling committee.

## Principles

The principles on which the JCCA makes decisions about RPL for GP anaesthesia training and ongoing education are -

- » These GPs must have appropriate training and must be providing safe anaesthesia equivalent to the curriculum. Other training in anaesthesia may be acceptable. However, application to the JCCA is necessary to accredit this training.
- » These GPs must have maintained their anaesthesia skills and knowledge, ie. have demonstrated a regular caseload commitment to anaesthesia and participation in ongoing approved continuing professional development (CPD) programs in the field of anaesthesia.
- » The jurisdiction of the JCCA is only for Fellows of the RACGP or ACRRM and a registrar enrolled in a rural general practice training program, or a practitioner with a stated intention of entering rural general practice in the immediate future.

Any decision, approval, consent, or the exercise of any discretion by the JCCA of these requirements will be considered on a case-by-case basis, having regard to the particular circumstances of each case. Notwithstanding these requirements the JCCA may exercise or dispense other decisions in extraordinary circumstances. Any such decision, approval, consent or exercise of discretion will not be binding on any other or future decisions or set any precedent for other or future decisions.

## JCCA RPL assessment process

A GP wishing to apply for JCCA RPL must complete the details on the prescribed application form (Appendix 2) including evidence of the following items –

1. Current CV
2. Current AHPRA medical registration
3. Details of anaesthesia training including course curriculum, academic transcript and certificate of completion
4. A logbook of the most recent anaesthesia work (last five years)
5. The names of three referees with whom they have worked in the last two years who are familiar with the GP's anaesthesia work
6. A list of professional development activities undertaken in the area of anaesthesia in the last two years.
7. Certificate of completion for an emergency course (as described in the JCCA curriculum (2017)
8. Details of paediatric anaesthesia experience
9. Details of epidural skills.

## The committee may also require applicants to complete –

- » A period of supervised clinical attachment (two weeks) in an accredited hospital in order that the level of skills and knowledge can be assessed. Following review of the supervisor's report of this initial attachment, additional periods of supervised clinical attachment (up to one year) may be required by the committee. Recency of anaesthesia practice is a major factor in determining the length of clinical attachments or retraining.
- » The JCCA's viva.

## Related policies, documents

- » Curriculum statement in anaesthesia for advanced rural skills and advanced specialised training (CSA) – Fourth Edition 2010 – [www.racgp.org.au/jcca](http://www.racgp.org.au/jcca)
- » ANZCA PS1 (2010) - Recommendations on essential training for rural general practitioners in Australia proposing to administer anaesthesia – [www.anzca.edu.au](http://www.anzca.edu.au)
- » Maintenance of Professional Standards Program (MOPS) for Rural GP Anaesthetists 2008-2010
- » Maintenance of Professional Standards Program (MOPS) for Rural GP Anaesthetists 2005-2007
- » Anaesthetics Advanced Rural Skills Curriculum Statement – Third Edition 2003
- » Accreditation Process and Maintenance of Professional Standards of JCCA 20022004
- » Anaesthetics Advanced Rural Skills Curriculum Statement – Second Edition April 1998
- » Program for the Maintenance of Professional Standards of Rural GP Anaesthetists (MOPS) 1999–2001

## Appendices

1. Curriculum for general practice anaesthesia, fifth edition, 2017 (Curriculum)
2. Application for recognition of prior learning (RPL)
3. Sample logbook proforma

# Application for recognition of prior learning (RPL)

Name

RACGP no.

ACRRM no.

Address

Postcode

Date of birth

Email

Mobile

Phone

Fax

## Qualification/s

Primary medical degree

Date

Country

Anaesthesia qualifications

Date

Country

Other qualifications

Date

Country

## Anaesthetics training

Hospital/practice

Time (weeks)

Dates (from)

Dates (to)

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## Training reports

Please attach –

Copies of all assessment forms from training supervisor/s

Details of any examinations undertaken whilst training.

How does this training meet the learning objectives and training requirements of the Curriculum for general practitioner anaesthesia, fifth edition, 2017?

## Current anaesthetic practice

Full	Part-time	No. of years	Dates	—
<b>Cases/year (avg)*</b>				
		GA	Regional	Combined GA/Reg
		LA/Sed	Other	Total
<b>Regional*</b>		Spinal	Epidural	Other (specify)
<b>Type of surgery*</b>				
		General	Orthopaedics	Obstetrics
		Gynaecology	Urology	ENT
		Ophthalmology	Vascular	Other
		Paediatric anaesthesia (<10)	Minimum age (years)	
		Elective	Emergency	

\*Please indicate numbers,  
even if approximate

## Previous anaesthetic practice 1 (if different from current)

Location

Full	Part-time	No. of years	Dates	—
<b>Cases/year (avg)*</b>				
		GA	Regional	Combined GA/Reg
		LA/Sed	Other	Total
<b>Regional*</b>		Spinal	Epidural	Other (specify)
<b>Type of surgery*</b>				
		General	Orthopaedics	Obstetrics
		Gynaecology	Urology	ENT
		Ophthalmology	Vascular	Other
		Paediatric anaesthesia (<10)	Minimum age (years)	
		Elective	Emergency	

\*Please indicate numbers,  
even if approximate

Previous anaesthetic practice 2 *(if different from current)*

Location

Full	Part-time	No. of years	Dates	—
Cases/year (avg)*		GA	Regional	Combined GA/Reg
		LA/Sed	Other	Total
Regional*		Spinal	Epidural	Other (specify)
Type of surgery*		General	Orthopaedics	Obstetrics
		Gynaecology	Urology	ENT
		Ophthalmology	Vascular	Other
		Paediatric anaesthesia (<10)	Minimum age (years)	
		Elective	Emergency	

\*Please indicate numbers,  
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## Sample logbook

A sample of a log of anaesthesia cases is to be provided along the lines of the proforma from the current anaesthesia practice and the original anaesthesia training.

## Details of paediatric anaesthesia experience/training

Please detail ongoing case volume with the details of experience/training either in a logbook or below.

## Details of epidural skills experience/training

Please detail ongoing case volume with the details of experience/training either in a logbook or below.

## Current hospital accreditation(s)

## Anaesthesia educational activities undertaken within the last two years

### Rural general practice

The applicant must attach evidence of intentions for work in the area of rural general practice in the future, eg FRACGP, FACRRM or enrolment in a general practice training program.

### Referees

Dr	Dr	Dr
Ph	Ph	Ph
Email	Email	Email
Signature of applicant		Date

### Checklist

Recognition of prior learning (RPL) application form which includes details of all anaesthesia training all positions involving anaesthesia and the work involved and current anaesthesia work	Current AHPRA medical registration and qualification  A sample log of cases which includes information on epidural skills attained and paediatric anaesthesia cases	Copies of details of any examinations undertaken whilst training  Details of the emergency medicine courses completed in the last five years	Continuing professional development activities in anaesthesia undertaken during the last two years  The names and email contacts for three referees who have knowledge of your anaesthesia experience
Detailed curriculum vitae	Copies of all assessment forms from training supervisor/s	Evidence of intentions for work in the area of rural general practice in the future	

### How to lodge this application

This application is to be completed and forwarded to the JCCA Secretariat.

Email: [jcc@racgp.org.au](mailto:jcc@racgp.org.au) or  
Post to: **JCCA Secretariat, 100 Wellington Parade, East Melbourne VIC 3002**

For more information call **03 8699 0577** or email [jcc@racgp.org.au](mailto:jcc@racgp.org.au)

Note: It is advisable to save the completed version of this application form to your documents library.