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Introduction

The Joint Consultative Committee on Anaesthesia (JCCA) is a tripartite committee comprised of representatives appointed by their respective council/boards of the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA), The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) and the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM).

The JCCA CPD Standard defines the minimum recommended requirement for all general practitioners providing anaesthesia services. The Standard parallels the ANZCA CPD Standard for 'Practice Evaluation' and 'Emergency Responses' training.

Effective CPD is understood by the medical profession as educational activity that results in quality improvement in clinical practice. It is the expectation of the JCCA that all general practitioners providing anaesthesia services will complete CPD to the standard as defined by the JCCA CPD Standard program. Successful completion of the JCCA's CPD program leads to the issue of a certificate of completion.

The principles on which the JCCA makes decisions about rural general practitioner anaesthesia training and ongoing education are:

- there are areas of Australia where there will always be a requirement for GPs to provide anaesthesia services to meet the needs of the community. This is mainly in small rural towns and some provincial cities. In those larger regional centres that provide a specialist anaesthetic service, general practitioners providing anaesthesia services and their specialist colleagues should work in cooperation.
- General practitioners providing anaesthesia services must have appropriate training and must be providing safe anaesthesia. The majority of general practitioners providing anaesthesia services will have completed the Curriculum for general practitioner anaesthesia.
- General practitioners providing anaesthesia services need to maintain an adequate volume of practice to maintain their anaesthesia skills and knowledge, ie there needs to be a regular caseload commitment to anaesthesia and participation in ongoing CPD in the field of anaesthesia. This includes areas of subspecialty anaesthesia practice, such as paediatrics and obstetrics.

How does the JCCA CPD Standard work?

The JCCA CPD Standard involves completion of continuing professional development (CPD) activities within the ANZCA CPD program, the RACGP Continuing Professional Development (CPD) program or the ACRRM Professional Development Program (PDP):

1. Two practice evaluation activities directly related to the practice of clinical anaesthesia; and
2. Two emergency response activities.

Activities which have been approved as meeting the JCCA CPD Standard requirements by each individual college can be claimed from 1 January 2020 to 31 December 2022.

The JCCA can also provide guidelines and advice to the three colleges on the adjudication of anaesthesia activities if required.

Each college will issue a certificate of CPD Standard completion at the conclusion of the triennium if all requirements have been met.

Table 1 – JCCA CPD Standard requirements

Participants in the JCCA CPD Standard program can complete their college’s activities outlined in the columns below or a mixture of ANZCA activities and the relevant college’s activities, eg for Requirement 1 an RACGP member can complete one ANZCA activity and one alternative from the RACGP column – or two ANZCA or two RACGP CPD accredited activities.

JCCA CPD Standard 2020–22 triennium requirements		
Requirement 1		
ANZCA	RACGP	ACRRM
<p>Two from the following four practice evaluation activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patient experience survey • Multi-source feedback • Peer review of practice • Clinical audit of own practice or significant input into group audit of practice 	<p>Two practice evaluation activities from the following practice evaluation activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ANZCA practice evaluation activity <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An RACGP CPD accredited activity equivalent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Clinical audit (directly related to clinical anaesthesia) – Supervised clinical attachment (recommended to be with a specialist anaesthetist) – Practice audit (formerly PDSA) directly related to clinical anaesthesia. 	<p>Two practice evaluation activities from the following practice evaluation activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ANZCA practice evaluation activity <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ACRRM equivalent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Clinical audit – Clinical attachment – Multi-Source Feedback (MSF) – Observation of clinical practice (peer review) – Case-based discussion (peer review). Note that this is a cumulative six hour block. – Maintain and reflect on procedural logbook. <p>Each practice evaluation activity should be a minimum of six hours long and directly related to clinical anaesthesia.</p>

JCCA CPD Standard 2020–22 triennium requirements (cont)

Requirement 2

ANZCA	RACGP	ACRRM
<p>Two from the following emergency responses activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of ‘can’t intubate, can’t oxygenate’ • Management of cardiac arrest • Management of anaphylaxis • Management of major haemorrhage <p>Management of major haemorrhage courses can also be completed online via the BloodSafe eLearning Australia portal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Critical Bleeding – Postpartum Haemorrhage <p>Note that only one online activity can be completed during the triennium.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presenting and teaching at an ANZCA approved CPD emergency response course (only once in a 12 month period). 	<p>Two emergency response activities from the following emergency response activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ANZCA emergency response activity <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An RACGP equivalent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – An RACGP/ARC accredited Advanced Life Support course can be substituted for an ANZCA Management of cardiac arrest course – Management of major haemorrhage courses can also be completed online via the BloodSafe eLearning Australia portal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Critical Bleeding ○ Postpartum Haemorrhage <p>Note that only one online activity can be completed during the triennium.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Presenting and teaching at an RACGP approved emergency response course (only once in a 12 month period). 	<p>Two emergency response activities from the following emergency response activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ANZCA emergency response activity <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An ACRRM equivalent: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – An ACRRM accredited Advanced Life Support course can be substituted for an ANZCA Management of cardiac arrest course – Management of major haemorrhage courses can also be completed online via the BloodSafe eLearning Australia portal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Critical Bleeding ○ Postpartum Haemorrhage <p>Note that only one online activity can be completed during the triennium.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Presenting and teaching at an ACRRM approved emergency response course (only once in a 12 month period).

Further information RACGP www.racgp.org.au ACRRM www.acrrm.org.au ANZCA www.anzca.edu.au

Registration for the JCCA Standard CPD Program

Registration for the JCCA's CPD Standard is not compulsory. General practitioners providing anaesthesia services can complete the JCCA CPD Standard requirements by participating in their own college CPD/PDP program (ACRRM, RACGP or ANZCA). Members should advise their individual College if they wish to demonstrate that they have met the JCCA CPD requirements through their College program, to ensure that their relevant CPD activities are recorded.

Non-members of any of the three colleges can register with the RACGP CPD program. There will be a fee payable for this, as below. The non-member registration form is to be completed and emailed to [RACGP National CPD](#).

Registration	\$345.00
GST	\$34.50
Total fee	\$379.50

Completion of the JCCA CPD Standard results in the issue of a certificate of CPD Standard completion by one of the colleges. It does not infer that a practitioner is up-to-date and fit to practise.

Any decision, approval, consent, or the exercise of any discretion, by the JCCA 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 regarding the CPD Standard requirements.

Adjudication process

ANZCA

The [ANZCA CPD program](#) is conducted by the ANZCA CPD department. This program is triennial, and only offered in electronic form.

At the conclusion of each triennium, ANZCA CPD participants who are also registered with the JCCA CPD Standard program will be issued with a Certificate of compliance by ANZCA to state that triennial CPD requirements have been met. ANZCA CPD program participants may need to also show their CPD Standard activities as listed in their ANZCA CPD statement to their credentialing committee.

The RACGP

Applications for adjudication in the RACGP CPD program are submitted to the [RACGP CPD national and state offices](#). The CPD Coordinators assess each activity for its educational component and anaesthesia content according to CPD criteria.

Anaesthesia CPD points will be recorded in the credit points statement issued by the RACGP.

ACRRM

Adjudication by the ACRRM PDP is conducted through a mixture of self-recording with evidence of attendance, and notification by education providers.

ACRRM will provide a certificate at the end of triennium stating that the JCCA standard has been achieved for those ACRRM members who complete the requirements as outlined in this document.

Credit points statements

ANZCA

For general practitioners providing anaesthesia services participating in the program via the ANZCA CPD program, points will be recorded by the ANZCA CPD program.

The RACGP

For general practitioners providing anaesthesia services participating via the RACGP CPD program their credit points statement will detail the anaesthesia activities on the statement.

Non-members can request a list of their JCCA CPD Standard activities from the [state RACGP CPD office](#).

ACRRM

For GPs participating in the program via the ACRRM Professional Development Program, PDP hours and MOPs activities will be recorded in the member's PD portfolio and be detailed in their PDP statement.

Privacy considerations

Declaration

The information provided to the JCCA by a general practitioner providing anaesthesia services is subject to privacy legislation and will not be used for any purpose other than reporting CPD Standard participation and reporting on anaesthesia points between the GP's preferred provider (the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA), The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) or the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM)) and the JCCA.

If a request is received from a GP in writing, the JCCA can provide information on participation to an anaesthesia locum service.

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Glossary

ACRRM	Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine
ALS	Advanced life support
ANZCA	Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists
APLS	Advanced paediatric life support
CA	Clinical audit
CPD	Continuing professional development
CCrISP	Care of the critically ill surgical patient
CPD	Continuing professional development
EMAC	Effective management of anaesthetics crises
EMST/ ATLS	Emergency management of severe trauma/advanced trauma life support
JCCA	Joint Consultative Committee on Anaesthesia
MOPS	Maintenance of Professional Standards
PDP	Professional Development Program
QI	Quality improvement
RACGP	The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
Rural GP	Rural general practitioner providing anaesthesia services
SCA	Supervised clinical attachment

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