

Accreditation Summary Report

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| Program provider | Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia |
| Program/qualification name | Fellowship of the Faculty of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology |
| Program/qualification abbreviation | FFOMP |
| Program/qualification code | N/A |
| Head office address, including State | Sydney, New South Wales |
| Approved campus(es) | Dorevitch Pathology Heidelberg, Melbourne SA Pathology, Royal Adelaide Hospital ICPMR Westmead Hospital |
| Program length | 5 years |
| Registration division | Dental specialist |
| Registration specialty | Oral pathology |
| Qualification type | Specialist practitioner training |
| Program type & AQF level | Not applicable |
| Accreditation standards version | June 2010, version 1.0 |
| Date of site evaluation | 29 July to 1 August 2013 |
| Date of ADC decision | 21 November 2013 |
| Type of notification | Re-accreditation |
| Accreditation start date | 1 January 2014 |
| Accreditation end date | 31 December 2018 |

Background

The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia's (RCPA) program for the award of Fellowship of the RCPA in the Faculty of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (FOMP) was formerly called the Fellowship of Oral Pathology but was renamed in 2011. Previously the ADC accepted the accreditation process and outcome of the Australian Medical Council (AMC) as satisfying the ADC's accreditation requirements (subject to review of the AMC accreditation report by the ADC). This is the first time that the ADC/DC(NZ) has visited the program.

The Faculty of Oral Pathology program was established within the RCPA in 1996. The FOMP program is offered for dental graduates and also for medical graduates and for trainees and Fellows wishing either to gain recognition as an oral and maxillofacial pathologist, or to cross over to a career in oral and maxillofacial pathology.

Programs of study and training required to obtain Fellowship total 5 years, full time.

The RCPA FFOMP became a registrable qualification with the Dental Board of Australia (DBA) for the Specialty of Oral Pathology, when the National Registration and Accreditation Scheme commenced in 2010.

Summary of the ADC program Evaluation

The FFOMP program was evaluated by an ADC Site Evaluation Team (SET) which visited the college's training sites at Dorevitch Pathology in Melbourne, and MedLab Dental, Dunedin, New Zealand. The SET interviewed a range of relevant stakeholders including the RCPA's CEO and Director of Education, the Governance Group, Supervisors, the RCPA's Chief Examiner and the program's trainee and graduates.

The ADC recommends that the College consider including diagnostic pathology for the whole of head and neck disease as this would make FFOMP holders viable applicants, and valuable members, of diagnostic pathology services in most/all sectors. The ADC also recommends that work on a possible joint curriculum and assessment be undertaken for the Forensic Odontology Fellowship offered by the College for content common to both programs.

The ADC also found that the College can encourage research training and facilities but cannot provide them directly. As such, the ADC has recommend the College consider approaching relevant universities in Australia and New Zealand with the view to developing a Memoranda of Understanding to facilitate access such facilities.

ADC's accreditation decision

The ADC has determined that the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia (RCPA) Fellowship of the Faculty of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology program be accredited for a period of five years subject to the following conditions:

1. That the RCPA provide to the Joint ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation Committee by **31 July 2014** evidence that it has in place a clearly defined curriculum and set of competencies to guide trainees through the program (to meet in full Standard 1 Overview of the Program & Standard 14 Student Assessment).
2. That the RCPA provide to the Joint ADC/DC(NZ) Accreditation Committee by **31 July 2014** evidence of the development and implementation of, a specific module on research and scholarship (to meet in full Standard 18 Research).