

Dental Council
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**Joint Australian Dental Council and Dental Council
New Zealand report of an evaluation of the Royal
College of Pathologists of Australasia's Fellowship of the
Faculty of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology program**

April 2018

Summary report

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	207 Albion Street, Surry Hills NSW 2010
Campus	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. NSW Health Pathology, Westmead, Australia 2. University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand
Program length	5 Years
Registration division	Specialist dentist
Registration specialty	Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
Qualification type	Fellowship
Australian Qualifications Framework level	n/a
Accreditation standards version	Accreditation Standards for Dental Practitioner Programs (Approved Dec 2014)
Date of site evaluation	17 April 2018
Date of ADC decision	3 August 2018
Date of DC(NZ) decision	13 August 2018
Type of accreditation	Re-Accreditation
Accreditation start date	1 January 2019
Accreditation end date	31 December 2023

Background

The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia's (RCPA's) Fellowship of the Faculty of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology (FFOMP) program was last reviewed in 2013 at which stage the program was accredited until 31 December 2018. The program enables graduates to apply for registration with the Dental Board of Australia (DBA) as a dental specialist in Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology. In New Zealand, the FFOMP is a prescribed qualification recognised as leading to registration with the Dental Council (NZ) as an Oral Pathology Specialist.

The FFOMP is a five-year, full time program which can be entered by dental or medical graduates registered in their respective jurisdictions with at least two year's postgraduate clinical experience.

The FFOMP program is not required to comply with Tertiary Education Quality and Standards Agency's (TEQSA's) Higher Education Standards as the program does not lead to an award within the Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF). Similarly, the program falls outside of the New Zealand Qualifications Framework (NZQA). The FFOMP is based on a situated learning model of course delivery. Trainees in the program will be required to be located at training sites accredited by the RCPA and supervised by Fellows of the College, approved to fulfil this function. At the time of the site visit, there were no trainees enrolled in the program.

Overview of evaluation

The Site Evaluation Team (SET) reviewed the RCPA's 35-page submission against the Accreditation Standards, associated appendices and additional information provided following the SET teleconference held on 15 March 2018.

The SET undertook a site visit to the College on 17 April 2018. The site visit included a review of the training site at the Institute for Clinical Pathology and Medical Research (ICPMR) located at Westmead Hospital in Westmead. Any references in this report to clinical training facilities refer to the ICPMR at Westmead Hospital.

Due to the size of the program, and with no current trainees enrolled, a single training site visit was considered appropriate.

During the visit meetings were held with:

- CEO and Deputy CEO, RCPA
- General Manager, Operations
- Director of Education and Accreditation
- Curriculum and Assessment Development Officers
- Chief Examiner, Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology
- Secretary, Faculty of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology Committee
- Chair, Board of Education and Assessment

- Recent graduate
- Oral and Maxillofacial Pathologists responsible for supervising trainees
- General Pathologists involved in the training program.

The findings in this report are based on the SET's assessment of the material outlined above, interview evidence and a review of the training facilities at the time of the site visit

Key findings

The College has developed clear and comprehensive policies, procedures and guidelines for the FFOMP program. The program curriculum, handbook and related materials are reviewed on a cyclical basis, with updates as required to reflect contemporary resources and practice.

The College has a robust and fit for purpose governance structure in place and the SET were impressed by the facilities available to trainees at the ICPMR. The College is well resourced to support the program, and the current supervisors are appropriately qualified and experienced to support trainees in the development of the skills and knowledge needed for specialist practice. The scope of assessments used are varied and appropriate, covering all learning outcomes and professional competencies.

The College and individuals involved in the training program are commended for their ongoing commitment to the future of the program.

ADC/DC(NZ) accreditation decision

The ADC and DC(NZ) have determined that the Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia's Fellowship of the Faculty of Oral and Maxillofacial Pathology program is accredited from **1 January 2019** until **31 December 2023**.