

# Certification in Obstetrical and Gynaecological Ultrasound (COGU) Subspecialty Selection and

## Applying for Entry into Subspecialty Selection

### Subspecialty Selection Information

General Subspecialty Selection information is in this Selection and Commencement of Training Guide. Further information can be found here: [RANZCOG - Subspecialty Selection](#)

### Subspecialty Selection Eligibility

For applicants applying to join a Subspecialty Training Program after 1 July 2017, a maximum of three applications in total may be made by any applicant to a particular Subspecialty and a maximum of four applications in total may be made across two or more Subspecialties.

Applicants can apply in Year 4 of Basic training to commence Subspecialty training in Year 5.

Applicants must have a current Medical Registration with the Medical Board of Australia (MBA) as applicable with no restrictions, conditions, undertakings, or any other limitations that would adversely impact on or limit their ability to train toward and ultimately act as a Subspecialist in the COGU Subspecialty.

Applicants must have successfully completed and been credited with at least 138 weeks (FTE) of basic training, passed the FRANZCOG Written and Oral examinations, or passed the FRANZCOG Written examination and applied to sit then subsequently pass the FRANZCOG Oral examination held in the first half of the year in which they apply for entry to the COGU Subspecialty Training Program, or have obtained the FRANZCOG.

### Subspecialty Selection Online Application Information

#### Dates and General Application Information

Applications for the COGU Subspecialty Selection open on the 15 January and close on 15 February each year. Interviews are generally held in May, for entry into the program of the following year.

4. Candidates must be able to monitor and manage their own and their institution’s practices, carry out their own research studies, and analyse the work of others critically. The candidate must therefore have a thorough practical understanding of the statistical and managerial methods used in the field.

### Selection Criteria

Applicants will be assessed against the following selection criteria:

SELECTION CRITERIA	
	<p><b><u>Written Application</u></b></p> <p>Educational History</p> <p>Employment History</p> <p>Professional Development and Commitment to the COGU Subspecialty</p> <p>Teaching and Leadership Experience</p> <p>Research, Publications and Presentations</p> <p>References x 3</p> <p><b><u>COGU Subspecialty - Specific Elements:</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>

## Selection Shortlisting and Interview Process

### COGU Subspecialty Selection Panel

Subspecialty Selection shortlisting and interviews are conducted by the COGU Subspecialty Selection

## Eligibility to Commence Training in the COGU Subspecialty Training Program

After being deemed eligible for COGU Subspecialty training, to become a COGU Subspecialty trainee, doctors must:

Have the FRANZCOG or have the following:

- For those trainees who commenced the FRANZCOG Training Program during the period 1 December 2003 to 30 November 2013 they must have successfully completed all requirements of basic training in the FRANZCOG Training Program as well as the FRANZCOG

## Applying for Part Time Training

For trainees in the COGU Subspecialty Training Program, Years 1 - 3 may be undertaken as part time training.

All part time training must be at least half of the full-time training requirement (0.5FTE) for the relevant training period. The duration of the training program will be extended for that trainee. All part time training must include a range of experience appropriate to the trainee's year level and must include appropriate supervision.

## Applying for Leave from COGU Subspecialty Training

### Annual Leave and Professional Development Leave (PDL)

The maximum number of weeks able to be credited in any period covered by a six-monthly summative assessment is 26 weeks FTE with a maximum of 46 weeks FTE of training able to be credited for training undertaken in a 'subspecialty training year'.

A 'subspecialty training year' consists of two consecutive 'six-month training blocks' based around (but not confined to) a calendar year and is determined by the COGU Subspecialty Committee. This applies irrespective of any government or hospital leave entitlements which may operate in a particular state or region.

In addition to the six weeks leave per year allowed, trainees are permitted up to two weeks (10 days) of study-conference leave per year, which is recognised as part of active clinical services professional development.

With each six-monthly summative assessment, the trainee and their supervisor must sign off on the number of weeks of leave taken during the six-month training period. The nature of the leave must also be indicated.

### Extended Leave

Trainees may interrupt their

## Training in an Overseas Training Unit

Year 1 of clinical training must be spent in a prospectively approved RANZCOG accredited COGU Subspecialty training unit in Australia. The first two years must be spent in an Australian training position.

All overseas training must be prospectively approved and assessed by the COGU Subspecialty Committee. Trainees must provide a plan for completion of training on return to Australia and commitment of support from an Australian Training Supervisor.