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## Introduction and Background

The South Australia (SA) - Training and Assessment report is a snapshot overview of data and outlines the most recent numbers for:

- Enrolments
- Trainees and Specialist International Medical Graduates (SIMG)
- Assessment pass rates
- New RANZCP Fellows
- Certificates of advanced training
- Specialist Training Program (STP) and Integrated Rural Training Pipeline (IRTP) Program.

The end-of-year update data is current as of March 2025 and summarises activities for January – December 2024.

Importantly, the data published in the respective sections are aggregated for each state and New Zealand. However, the definition of location changes according to the member type:

- Trainees: The Fellowship zone is used to determine location
- SIMGs: The employer state is used to determine location
- New Fellows: The last Fellowship zone recorded is used to determine location

The data for this report is taken from the College member database, and the analysis was conducted by the Education and Training Unit as part of its regular reporting of the College's education activities. Numbers may differ from other reports due to trainees moving zones, late form submissions, withdrawals, non-payment of fees, exclusions, or other reasons. Results presented in this report have been rounded up to the nearest whole per cent, and in some cases, answers may not add up to 100%.

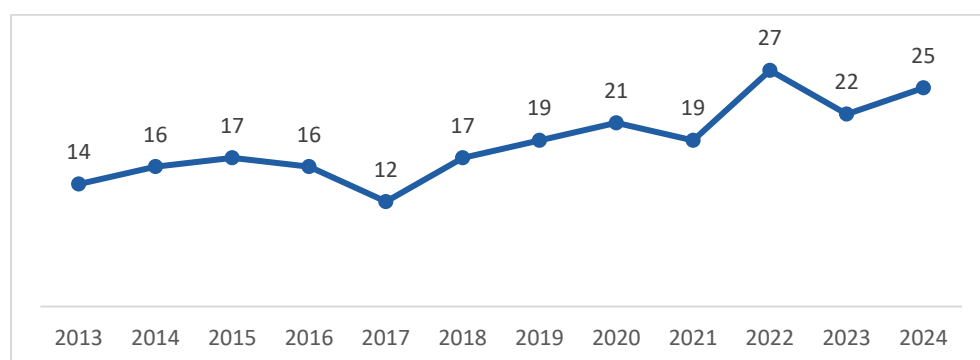
## 1. RANZCP Fellowship program enrolment

During the 2024 training year, a total of 25 trainees commenced the SA training program (see Table 1).

The training year for 2024 commenced in February for Australia and New Zealand, covering the period from February 2024 to February 2025. Table 1 compares the 2024 intake with the same period in 2023 and shows the difference in numbers.

**Table 1. SA Training Intakes**

	SA	RANZCP Overall
2024	25	453
2023	22	413
Difference	+3	+40



**Figure 1. SA Training intake (2013-2024)**

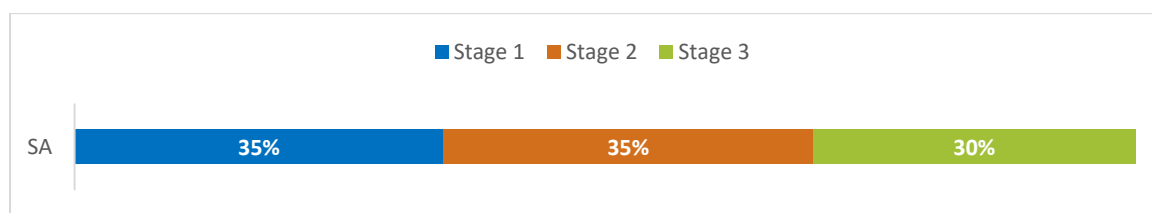
## 2. RANZCP Fellowship program numbers

Overall, the SA program currently has 161 active trainees. The distribution of these trainees across different stages of training is detailed in Table 2. There are 160 trainees undertaking the 2012 program, and 1 trainee transitioned from the 2003 program.

Figure 2 illustrates the distribution of trainees across each stage of training and the location. The SA program has the highest proportion of its trainees in stages 1 and 2.

**Table 2. Total SA Training Numbers by stage (correct as of 24 March 2025)**

	SA	RANZCP Overall
<b>2012 Program</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>2586</b>
Stage 1	56	654
Stage 2	56	936
Stage 3	48	996
<b>Transitioned</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>44</b>
Stage 1	-	1
Stage 2	-	1
Stage 3	1	42
<b>Overall</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>2630</b>
Stage 1	56	655
Stage 2	56	937
Stage 3	49	1038



**Figure 2. Trainees by Fellowship Zone and Stage of Training (correct as of 8 January 2024)**

The distribution of SA trainees by gender is outlined in Table 3. Women represent more than 50% of SA trainees. In Table 3, trainees identifying as non-binary / gender diverse and preferring not to say are presented as part of the overall numbers and not distributed by program. Table 4 shows the range and frequency of the age of SA trainees. The SA trainees range from 26 to 54 years of age. The average age is 35.40 years, with a standard deviation of +/- 7.720 years.

**Table 3. Distribution of SA trainees by gender (correct as of 24 March 2025)**

	SA	RANZCP Overall
Man	74	1237
Non-binary/ gender diverse	1	10
Prefer not to say	1	8
Woman	85	1375

**Table 4. Descriptive statistics: SA trainees' age (correct as of 24 March 2025)**

Statistics	
Mean	35.40
Median	33
Standard deviation	7.720
Minimum	26
Maximum	54

### 3. Assessments

#### 3.1 Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) Examination

The Multiple-Choice Question (MCQ) Examination was held in March and August 2024. The pass rates for the SA program were 71% in March and 100% in August. In total, 18 assessments were completed during both rounds in 2024.

**Table 5. MCQ March Results**

March	SA		RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	14	215
	Pass	10	150
	Pass Rate (%)	71%	70%

**Table 6. MCQ August Results**

August	SA		RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	4	227
	Pass	4	180
	Pass Rate (%)	100%	79%

#### 3.2 Critical Essay Question (CEQ) Examination

The Critical Essay Question Examination (CEQ) was held in February and August 2024, where the SA program achieved a pass rate of 73% in February and 75% in August. A total of 23 assessments were completed during both rounds in 2024.

**Table 7. CEQ February Results**

February	SA		RANZCP Overall
	Assessments -trainees	15	207
	Pass	11	153
	Pass Rate (%)	73%	74%
	Assessments -SIMGs (Partial comparability)	-	32
	Pass	-	17
	Pass Rate (%)	-	53%
	Total Assessments	15	239
	Pass	11	170
	Pass Rate (%)	73%	71%

**Table 8. CEQ August Results**

August	SA		RANZCP Overall
	Assessments -trainees	8	202
	Pass	6	129
	Pass Rate (%)	75%	64%
	Assessments -SIMGs (Partial comparability)	-	29
	Pass	-	13
	Pass Rate (%)	-	45%
	Total Assessments	8	231
	Pass	6	142
	Pass Rate (%)	75%	61%

### 3.3 Modified Essay Question (MEQ) Examination

The Modified Essay Question Examination (MEQ) was held in February and August 2024. The SA program pass rates were 92% in February and 78% in August. A total of 21 assessments were completed during both rounds in 2024.

**Table 9. MEQ February Results**

February	SA		RANZCP Overall
	Assessments -trainees	12	242
	Pass	11	153
	Pass Rate (%)	92%	63%
	Assessments -SIMGs (Partial comparability)	-	34
	Pass	-	13
	Pass Rate (%)	-	38%
	Total Assessments	12	276
	Pass	11	166
	Pass Rate (%)	92%	60%

**Table 10. MEQ August Results**

August	SA		RANZCP Overall
	Assessments -trainees	9	287
	Pass	7	174
	Pass Rate (%)	78%	61%
	Assessments -SIMGs (Partial comparability)	-	47
	Pass	-	16
	Pass Rate (%)	-	34%
	Total Assessments	9	334
	Pass	7	190
	Pass Rate (%)	78%	57%

### 3.4 Clinical Competency Assessment (CCA)

The Board has approved the implementation of the Clinical Competency Assessment—Modified Portfolio Review (CCA-MPR), which will be offered from April 2024 to April 2026 as the primary clinical assessment for the RANZCP Fellowship.

The CCA-MPR was held in March and September 2024, with the SA program achieving a 100% pass rate in both rounds. A total of 6 assessments were completed during these rounds in 2024. The CCA relies on longitudinal data points to make high-stakes decisions, unlike summative assessments, which base judgments on a single data point. The ongoing, structured feedback received during training is assessed to inform progression decisions. This ensures that candidates only proceed to submit their portfolios when they believe they have met the required standards. As a result, the outcomes from the CCA do not come as a surprise to candidates.

**Table 11. CCA March 2024 Results**

SA		RANZCP Overall
Portfolio Review		
<b>Trainees</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>40</b>
Successful	2	38
Unsuccessful	0	2
<b>SIMGs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>17</b>
Successful	0	16
Unsuccessful	0	1
<b>Overall</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>57</b>
Successful	2	54
Unsuccessful	0	3

**Table 12. CCA September 2024 Results**

SA		RANZCP Overall
Portfolio Review		
<b>Trainees</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>95</b>
Successful	4	94
Unsuccessful	0	1
<b>SIMGs</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>19</b>
Successful	0	16
Unsuccessful	0	3
<b>Overall</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>114</b>
Successful	4	110
Unsuccessful	0	4



### 3.5 Psychotherapy Written Case (PWC)

The results of the Psychotherapy Written Case (PWC) submissions received in 2024 are summarised in Tables 13 to 16, including the pass rates. In total, 29 submissions were assessed. The pass rates for the PWC in 2024 were as follows: 70% in February, 75% in May, 100% in August and 50% in November 2024.

**Table 13. PWC February Results**

February		SA	SA SIMGs	SA Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	10	-	10	90
	Pass	7	-	7	61
	Pass Rate (%)	70%	-	70%	68%

**Table 14. PWC May Results**

May		SA	SA SIMGs	SA Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	8	-	8	119
	Pass	6	-	6	77
	Pass Rate (%)	75%	-	75%	65%

**Table 15. PWC August Results**

August		SA	SA SIMGs	SA Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	5	-	5	95
	Pass	5	-	5	72
	Pass Rate (%)	100%	-	100%	76%

**Table 16. PWC November Results**

November		SA	SA SIMGs	SA Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	6	-	6	131
	Pass	3	-	3	90
	Pass Rate (%)	50%	-	50%	69%

### 3.6 Scholarly Project (SP)

#### a. Submission results

During the 2024 round of submissions, 15 Scholarly Projects from the SA program were received. The pass rates for the SP in 2024 were as follows: 80% in March, 100% in July and 71% in November 2024.

**Table 17. SP March Results**

March	SA		RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	5	64
	Pass	4	52
	Pass Rate (%)	80%	81%

**Table 18. SP Pass Rate by project type**

March		
Project type	Submissions	Pass Rate
Case Series	1	100%
Literature Review	-	-
Qualitative or Quantitative Research	2	50%
Quality Assurance or Clinical Audit	2	100%

**Table 19. SP July Results – Assessments by Fellowship zone**

July	SA		RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	3	63
	Pass	3	53
	Pass Rate (%)	100%	84%

**Table 20. SP Pass Rate by project type**

July		
Project type	Submissions	Pass Rate
Case Series	-	-
Literature Review	-	-
Qualitative or Quantitative Research	2	100%
Quality Assurance or Clinical Audit	1	100%

**Table 21. SP November Results**

November	SA		RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	7	118
	Pass	5	95
	Pass Rate (%)	71%	81%

**Table 22. SP Pass Rate by project type**

November		
Project type	Submissions	Pass Rate
Case Series	1	100%
Literature Review	2	50%
Qualitative or Quantitative Research	3	33%
Quality Assurance or Clinical Audit	1	100%
Other	-	-

b. Proposals and exemptions

The RANZCP approved 16 SP proposals from the SA program between January and December 2024 (see Table 23).

**Table 23. Approved SP proposals by project type**

Project Type	Jan – Dec 2024
Case Series	3
Literature Review	4
Qualitative or Quantitative Research	8
Quality Assurance or Clinical Audit	1
Other	-

Trainees may be exempt from undertaking the SP if they have conducted activities that are considered equivalent by the RANZCP. In 2024, the College received 4 exemption applications from the SA program and 50% were granted (see Table 24).

**Table 24. SP Exemptions granted by Fellowship zone (Jan-Dec 2024)**

	SA	RANZCP Overall
Exemptions	4	103
Granted	2	96
<b>Granted (%)</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>93%</b>

## 4. Specialist International Medical Graduates program enrolment

A total of 3 Specialist International Medical Graduates commenced a pathway to attain Fellowship of the RANZCP in SA during the period from January to December 2024 (2 deemed to be substantially comparable and one deemed to be partially comparable).

**Table 25. Specialist Pathway Assessments by Employer State (Jan-Dec 2024)**

	SA	RANZCP Overall
<b>Overall</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>98</b>
Partially	1	65
Substantially	2	33

**Table 26. SA Intakes by country of the highest specialist qualification assessed (Jan-Dec 2024)**

Country	Partially	Substantially	Overall
Iran	1	-	1
Sri Lanka	-	2	2
<b>Overall</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>

## 5. Specialist International Medical Graduates numbers

Overall, the SA currently has three active SIMGs (1 undertaking the pathway under Partial Comparability and 2 under Substantially Comparability).

**Table 27. Total SIMGs Numbers by Employer State (correct as of 14 January 2025)**

	SA	RANZCP Overall
<b>SIMGs</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>180</b>
Partially	1	146
Substantially	2	34

The distribution of SIMGs by gender is presented in Table 28.

**Table 28. Distribution of SIMGs by Fellowship Zone and gender (correct as of 14 January 2025)**

	ACT	RANZCP Overall
Man	2	101
Non-binary/ gender diverse	-	-
Woman	1	76
Prefer not to say	-	3

## 6. New Fellows

Over the reporting period, the RANZCP announced the admission of 13 new College Fellows from the SA program.

**Table 29. Total Number of SA New Fellows (Jan-Dec 2024)**

	SA	RANZCP Overall
<b>Training program</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>220</b>
2012 program	13	210
Transitioned	-	10
<b>SIMG pathway</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>67</b>
Partial	-	29
Substantial	-	38
<b>Overall (a) + (b)</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>287</b>

\* Training pathway distributed based on the last zone trained and specialist pathway based on the employer state.

The distribution of New Fellows from the SA program by gender is outlined in Table 30.

**Table 30. Distribution of New Fellows by Fellowship Zone and gender (Jan-Dec 2024)**

	SA	RANZCP Overall
Man	5	141
Non-binary/ gender diverse	-	1
Prefer not to say	-	1
Woman	7	144

## 7. Certificates of Advanced Training

The total number of enrolments, awards and current participants completing Certificates of Advanced Training in SA are shown in Tables 31 to 34.

### a. Enrolment

Table 31 provides a breakdown of enrolments into certificate courses in the SA for the period January to December 2024.

**Table 31. Certificates of Advanced Training intake by type and certificate zone (Jan – Dec 2024)**

	SA	RANZCP Overall
<b>Overall</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>222</b>
Addiction	-	28
Adult	1	24
Child and Adolescent	3	52
Consultation-Liaison		36
Forensic	2	25
Old Age	1	39
Psychotherapy	1	18

### a. RANZCP Certificates of Advanced Training numbers

Table 32 shows the total number of people currently enrolled in Certificates of Advanced Training in SA, and the details of Membership by location are shown in Table 33. A total of 56 advanced certificates are being completed by 52 individuals, with the most common certificates being Psychotherapy, which accounts for 30% of the total. The majority of people enrolled are RANZCP trainees (58%) and the remaining Fellows (42%).

**Table 32. Total Certificates of Advanced Training Numbers by Certificate Zone (correct as of 15 January 2025)**

	SA	RANZCP Overall
<b>Overall</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>867</b>
Addiction	1	128
Adult	1	59
Child and Adolescent	10	181
Consultation-Liaison	12	152
Forensic	5	84
Old Age	10	150
Psychotherapy	17	113

**Table 33. Total Certificates of Advanced Training Numbers by Membership (correct as of 15 January 2025)**

	SA	RANZCP Overall
<b>Overall</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>821</b>
Trainees	29	490
Fellows	23	331

## b. Awards

During 2024, a total of 9 Certificates of Advanced Training from the SA were approved by the Education Committee.

**Table 34. Certificates of Advanced Training awarded by type and Certificate Zone (Jan – Dec 2024)**

	SA	RANZCP Overall
<b>Overall</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>146</b>
Addiction	-	17
Adult	-	9
Child and Adolescent	3	46
Consultation-Liaison	1	26
Forensic	1	17
Old Age	3	22
Psychotherapy	1	9

## 8. Specialist Training Program (STP)

The Specialist Training Program (STP) is an Australian Government initiative.

It provides funding to health organisations to support specialist medical training in settings beyond traditional public teaching hospitals. STP posts involve 6-month training rotations in priority settings, such as the private sector, regional, rural, and remote areas, as well as non-hospital settings (e.g., aged care, community health organisations, or Aboriginal medical services). As providers of STP, posts must submit a report after each rotation. The numbers in this report may differ from those reported to the Department of Health and Aged Care. The Modified Monash (MM) classification is used to report the geographical location of the posts.

Table 35 shows the total number of FTE by the MM rating, and the number of SA trainees in the STP program is shown in Table 36. The STP program was funded in SA to a total of 8 FTE across the MM locations during Rotation 1, 2024, with 8 trainees covering the positions.

**Table 35. Rotation 1, 2024 STP locations showing FTE by MM classification**

	SA	AUST
MM1	4.1	107.81
MM2	0.2	15.51
MM3	2.52	15.8
MM4	0.53	6.78
MM5	0.19	2.44
MM6	0.18	3.18
MM7	0.28	8.48
<b>Overall</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>165</b>

\* MM1 is a major city, and MM7 is very remote. Areas classified MM2 to MM7 are rural or remote.

**Table 36. Rotation 1, 2024 Trainees funded by the STP program**

	SA	AUST
<b>STP trainees Rotation 1, 2024</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>150</b>

## 9. Integrated Rural Training Pipeline (IRTP) Program

The Integrated Rural Training Pipeline (IRTP) program is an Australian Government initiative designed to increase the number of psychiatry trainees and specialists in rural and regional areas.

Training posts funded in the IRTP program differ from those in the Specialist Training Program (STP) in that the funding follows the trainee through multiple rotations at a health service.

Overall, the College has 36 active trainees funded by the IRTP program. Currently, there are 4 trainees from SA funded by the IRTP.

**Table 37. Total Trainees funded by the IRTP program**

	SA	AUST
<b>Trainees</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>36</b>