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Introduction and Background

The New Zealand (NZ) - 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

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 is 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 was extracted from the College member database, and the Education and Training Unit conducted the analysis 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 33 trainees commenced the NZ 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. NZ Training Intakes by zone

	NZAUCK	NZCHRI	NZDUN	NZUCNI	NZWELL	NZ Overall	RANZCP Overall
2024	11	6	3	5	8	33	453
2023	18	6	2	8	9	43	413
Difference	-7	0	+1	-3	-1	-10	+40

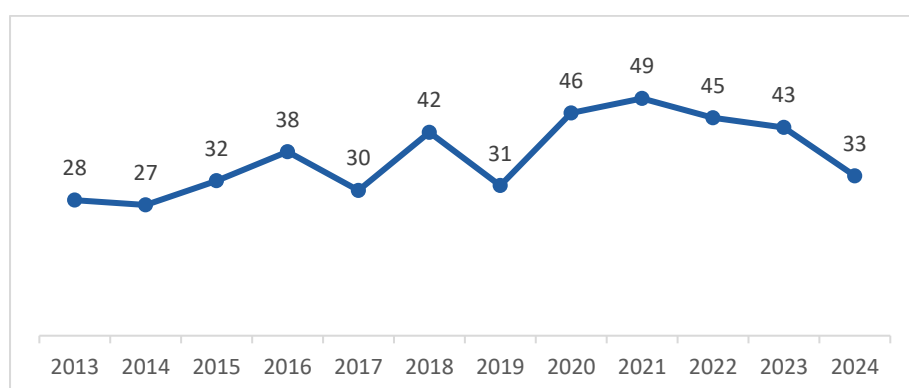


Figure 1. NZ Training intake (2013-2024)

2. RANZCP Fellowship program numbers

Overall, the NZ program currently has 247 active trainees. The distribution of these trainees across different stages of training is detailed in Table 2. There are 244 trainees (99%) undertaking the 2012 program, and three trainees (1%) transitioned from the 2003 program.

Figure 2 illustrates the distribution of NZ trainees across each stage of training and zone. The NZ program has the highest proportion of its trainees in stage 3.

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

	NZAUCK	NZCHRI	NZDUN	NZUCNI	NZWELL	NZ Overall	RANZCP Overall
2012 Program	90	37	19	43	55	244	2586
Stage 1	24	11	7	8	17	67	654
Stage 2	30	11	5	16	20	82	936
Stage 3	36	15	7	19	18	95	996
Transitioned	2	-	-	1	-	3	44
Stage 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Stage 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Stage 3	2	-	-	1	-	3	42
Overall	92	37	19	44	55	247	2630
Stage 1	24	11	7	8	17	67	655
Stage 2	30	11	5	16	20	82	937
Stage 3	38	15	7	20	18	98	1038

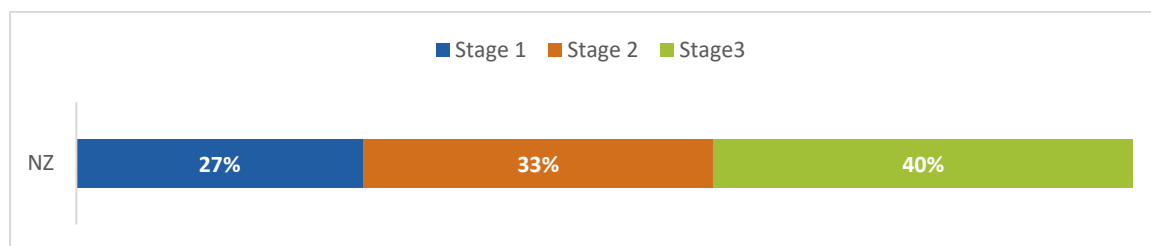


Figure 2. Trainees by Fellowship Zone and Stage of Training (correct as of 24 March 2025)

The distribution of NZ trainees by zone and gender is outlined in Table 3. Women represent more than 50% of NZ 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 zone. Table 4 shows the range and frequency of the age of NZ trainees. The NZ trainees range from 27 to 62 years of age. The average age is 35.58 years, with a standard deviation of +/- 6.571 years.

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

	NZAUCK	NZCHRI	NZDUN	NZUCNI	NZWELL	NZ Overall	RANZCP Overall
Man	39	20	7	22	32	120	1237
Non-binary/ gender diverse	-	-	-	-	-	1	10
Prefer not to say	-	-	-	-	-	1	8
Woman	52	17	12	21	23	125	1375

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

Statistics	
Mean	35.58
Median	34
Standard deviation	6.571
Minimum	27
Maximum	62

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 NZ program were 75% in March and 88% in September. In total, 40 assessments were completed during both rounds in 2024.

Table 5. MCQ March Results

Table 6: MQ March Results								
March		NZAUCK	NZCHRI	NZDUN	NZUCNI	NZWELL	NZ Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	7	1	-	2	6	16	215
	Pass	4	1	-	1	6	12	150
	Pass Rate (%)	57%	100%	-	50%	100%	75%	70%

Table 6. MCQ August Results

August		NZAUCK	NZCHRI	NZDUN	NZUCNI	NZWELL	NZ Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	12	3	4	3	2	24	227
	Pass	11	3	3	2	2	21	180
	Pass Rate (%)	92%	100%	75%	67%	100%	88%	79%

3.2 Critical Essay Question (CEQ) Examination

The Critical Essay Question Examination (CEQ) was held in February and August 2024, where the NZ program achieved a pass rate of 86% in February and 68% in August. A total of 43 assessments were completed during both rounds in 2024.

Table 7. CEQ February Results

February		NZAUCK	NZCHRI	NZDUN	NZUCNI	NZWELL	NZ Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments - trainees	8	5	1	6	1	21	207
	Pass	7	5	1	4	1	18	153
	Pass Rate (%)	88%	100%	100%	67%	100%	86%	74%
	Assessments - SIMGs (Partial comparability)	-	-	-	-	-	-	32
	Pass	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
	Pass Rate (%)	-	-	-	-	-	-	53%
	Total Assessments	8	5	1	6	1	21	239
	Pass	7	5	1	4	1	18	170
	Pass Rate (%)	88%	100%	100%	67%	100%	86%	71%

Table 8. CEQ August Results

August		NZAUCK	NZCHRI	NZDUN	NZUCNI	NZWELL	NZ Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments - trainees	8	1	2	2	9	22	202
	Pass	6	1	1	1	6	15	129
	Pass Rate (%)	75%	100%	50%	50%	67%	68%	64%
	Assessments - SIMGs (Partial comparability)	-	-	-	-	-	-	29
	Pass	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
	Pass Rate (%)	-	-	-	-	-	-	45%
	Total Assessments	8	1	2	2	9	22	231
	Pass	6	1	1	1	6	15	142
	Pass Rate (%)	75%	100%	50%	50%	67%	68%	61%

3.3 Modified Essay Question (MEQ) Examination

The Modified Essay Question Examination (MEQ) was held in February and August 2024. The NZ program pass rates were 60% in February and 61% in August. A total of 51 assessments were completed during both rounds in 2024.

Table 9. MEQ February Results

February		NZAUCK	NZCHRI	NZDUN	NZUCNI	NZWELL	NZ Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments - trainees	7	2	3	4	4	20	235
	Pass	5	0	3	4	0	12	166
	Pass Rate (%)	71%	0%	100%	100%	0%	60%	71%
	Assessments - SIMGs (Partial comparability)	-	-	-	-	-	-	32
	Pass	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
	Pass Rate (%)	-	-	-	-	-	-	59%
	Total Assessments	7	2	3	4	4	20	267
	Pass	5	0	3	4	0	12	185
	Pass Rate (%)	71%	0%	100%	100%	0%	60%	69%

Table 10. MEQ August Results

August		NZAUCK	NZCHRI	NZDUN	NZUCNI	NZWELL	NZ Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments - trainees	8	4	1	6	12	31	262
	Pass	4	3	1	4	7	19	141
	Pass Rate (%)	50%	75%	100%	67%	58%	61%	54%
	Assessments - SIMGs (Partial comparability)	-	-	-	-	-	-	30
	Pass	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
	Pass Rate (%)	-	-	-	-	-	-	43%
	Total Assessments	8	4	1	6	12	31	292
	Pass	4	3	1	4	7	19	154
	Pass Rate (%)	50%	75%	100%	67%	58%	61%	53%

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 NZ program achieving a 100% pass rate in both rounds. A total of 13 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

NZ		RANZCP Overall
Portfolio Review		
Trainees	4	40
Successful	4	38
Unsuccessful	0	2
SIMGs	0	17
Successful	0	16
Unsuccessful	0	1
Overall	4	57
Successful	4	54
Unsuccessful	0	3

Table 12. CCA September 2024 Results

NZ		RANZCP Overall
Portfolio Review		
Trainees	9	95
Successful	9	94
Unsuccessful	0	1
SIMGs	0	19
Successful	0	16
Unsuccessful	0	3
Overall	9	114
Successful	9	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, 45 submissions were assessed. The pass rates for the PWC in 2024 were as follows: 57% in February, 38% in May, 64% in August and 91% in November 2024.

Table 13. PWC February Results

February		NZAUCK	NZCHRI	NZDUN	NZUCNI	NZWELL	NZ SIMGs	NZ Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	2	1	1	2	1	-	7	90
	Pass	1	1	1	0	1	-	4	61
	Pass Rate (%)	50%	100%	100%	0%	100%	-	57%	68%

Table 14. PWC May Results

May		NZAUCK	NZCHRI	NZDUN	NZUCNI	NZWELL	NZ SIMGs	NZ Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	6	3	2	2	3	-	16	119
	Pass	2	1	2	0	1	-	6	77
	Pass Rate (%)	33%	33%	100%	0%	33%	-	38%	65%

Table 15. PWC August Results

August		NZAUCK	NZCHRI	NZDUN	NZUCNI	NZWELL	NZ SIMGs	NZ Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	6	1	-	2	2	-	11	95
	Pass	4	1	-	2	0	-	7	72
	Pass Rate (%)	67%	100%	-	100%	0%	-	64%	76%

Table 16. PWC November Results

August		NZAUCK	NZCHRI	NZDUN	NZUCNI	NZWELL	NZ SIMGs	NZ Overall	RANZCP Overall
	Assessments	4	2	1	3	1	-	11	131
	Pass	3	2	1	3	1	-	10	90
	Pass Rate (%)	75%	100%	100%	100%	100%	-	91%	69%

3.6 Scholarly Project (SP)

a. Submission results

During the 2024 round of submissions, 23 Scholarly Projects from the NZ program were received. The pass rates for the SP in 2024 were as follows: 100% in March, 80% in July and 100% in November 2024.

Table 17. SP March Results

	NZAUCK	NZCHRI	NZDUN	NZUCNI	NZWELL	NZ SIMGs	NZ Overall	RANZCP Overall
March								
Assessments	6	-	1	1	-	-	8	64
Pass	6	-	1	1	-	-	8	52
Pass Rate (%)	100%	-	100%	100%	-	-	100%	81%

Table 18. SP Pass Rate by project type

	March	
Project type	Submissions	Pass Rate
Case Series	-	-
Literature Review	-	-
Qualitative or Quantitative Research	5	100%
Quality Assurance or Clinical Audit	3	100%

Table 19. SP July Results – Assessments by Fellowship zone

	NZAUCK	NZCHRI	NZDUN	NZUCNI	NZWELL	NZ SIMGs	NZ Overall	RANZCP Overall
July								
Assessments	3	1	1	-	-	-	5	63
Pass	2	1	1	-	-	-	4	53
Pass Rate (%)	67%	100%	100%	-	-	-	80%	84%

Table 20. SP Pass Rate by project type

	July	
Project type	Submissions	Pass Rate
Case Series	-	-
Literature Review	-	-
Qualitative or Quantitative Research	5	80%
Quality Assurance or Clinical Audit	-	-

Table 21. SP November Results

	NZAUCK	NZCHRI	NZDUN	NZUCNI	NZWELL	NZ SIMGs	NZ Overall	RANZCP Overall
November								
Assessments	3	1	2	4	3	-	10	118
Pass	3	1	2	4	3	-	10	95
Pass Rate (%)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	-	100%	81%

Table 22. SP Pass Rate by project type

	November	
Project type	Submissions	Pass Rate
Case Series	1	100%
Literature Review	1	100%
Qualitative or Quantitative Research	5	100%
Quality Assurance or Clinical Audit	3	100%
Other	-	-

b. Proposals and exemptions

The RANZCP approved 17 SP proposals from the NZ program between January and December 2024. The most common project type received was qualitative or quantitative research (see Table 23).

Table 23. Approved SP proposals by project type (Jan – Dec 2024)

	NZAUCK	NZCHRI	NZDUN	NZUCNI	NZWELL	NZ Overall
Case Series	-	-	-	1	-	1
Literature Review	2	-	-	-	-	2
Qualitative or Quantitative Research	3	3	2	5	-	13
Quality Assurance or Clinical Audit	-	1	-	-	-	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 11 exemption applications, and all were granted (see Table 24).

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

	NZAUCK	NZCHRI	NZDUN	NZUCNI	NZWELL	NZ Overall	RANZCP Overall
Assessments	1	1	-	3	6	11	103
Pass	1	1	-	3	6	11	96
Pass Rate (%)	100%	100%	-	100%	100%	100%	93%

4. Specialist International Medical Graduates program enrolment

A total of 5 Specialist International Medical Graduates commenced a pathway to attain Fellowship of the RANZCP in NZ during the period from January to December 2024 (deemed to be four substantially comparable and 1 partially comparable).

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

	NZ	RANZCP Overall
Overall	5	98
Partially	1	65
Substantially	4	33

*The difference between New Zealand and RANZCP Overall SIMG numbers is due to the differing pathways to vocational or specialist medical registration. New Zealand registration does not require completion of a RANZCP pathway to Fellowship. RANZCP provides for Affiliate membership for New Zealand psychiatrists who have completed the local assessment and recognition pathway.

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

Country	Partially	Substantially	Overall
South Africa	-	1	1
Sri Lanka	-	1	1
Italy	1	-	1
India	-	1	1
Argentina	-	1	1
Overall	1	4	5

5. Specialist International Medical Graduates numbers

Overall, NZ currently has five active SIMGs, undertaking the pathway under the Substantial Comparability pathway.

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

	NZ	RANZCP Overall
SIMGs	5	180
Partially	1	146
Substantially	4	34

The distribution of SIMGs by gender is presented in Table 28. Women represent more than 50% of RANZCP SIMGs in NZ.

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

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

6. New Fellows

Over the reporting period, the RANZCP announced the admission of 21 new College Fellows from the NZ program. All of them successfully completed the training program pathway.

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

	NZAUCK	NZCHRI	NZDUN	NZUCNI	NZWELL	NZ Overall	RANZCP Overall
Training program	7	2	2	1	8	20	7
2012 program	6	2	1	1	8	18	6
Transitioned	1		1			2	1
SIMG pathway	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
Partial	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Substantial	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Overall (a) + (b)	7	2	2	1	8	21	7

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

The distribution of New Fellows from the NZ program by gender is outlined in Table 30. Their ages range from 36 to 49 years.

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

	NZAUCK	NZCHRI	NZDUN	NZUCNI	NZWELL	NZSIMG	NZ Overall	RANZCP Overall
Man	1	2	0	2	4	-	9	141
Non-binary/ gender diverse	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Prefer not to say	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Woman	5	0	1	1	4	1	12	144

7. Certificates of Advanced Training

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

a. Enrolment

Table 31 provides a breakdown of enrolments into certificate courses in NZ from January to December 2024.

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

	NZ	RANZCP Overall
Overall	25	222
Addiction	3	28
Adult	5	24
Child and Adolescent	4	52
Consultation-Liaison	2	36
Forensic	3	25
Old Age	7	39
Psychotherapy	1	18

b. RANZCP Certificates of Advanced Training numbers

Table 32 shows the total number of people currently enrolled in Certificates of Advanced Training in NZ, and the details of Membership by location are shown in Table 33. A total of 81 advanced certificates are being completed by 79 people, with the most common certificates being Old Age, Adult and Child and Adolescent, accounting for 53% of the total. Most people enrolled are RANZCP trainees (59%) and the remaining Fellows (41%).

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

	NZ	RANZCP Overall
Overall	81	867
Addiction	12	128
Adult	14	59
Child and Adolescent	14	181
Consultation-Liaison	9	152
Forensic	10	84
Old Age	15	150
Psychotherapy	7	113

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

	NZ	RANZCP Overall
Overall	79	821
Trainees	47	490
Fellows	32	331

c. Awards

During 2024, a total of 14 Certificates of Advanced Training from the NZ were approved by the Education Committee.

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

	NZ	RANZCP Overall
Overall	14	146
Addiction	3	17
Adult	-	9
Child and Adolescent	5	46
Consultation-Liaison	3	26
Forensic	2	17
Old Age	1	22
Psychotherapy	-	9