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OMS CPD EXEMPTION POLICY

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Purpose

This policy delineates the circumstances under which an exemption from participation in the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (RACDS) Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program for Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery (OMS) can be requested.

Background

As mandated by accreditation standards for CPD providers in Australia and New Zealand, the College conducts an annual audit (verification) of participants' CPD activities within the CPD Program.

Definitions

RACDS / the College	the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons
Continuing professional development (CPD)	How health practitioners maintain, improve and broaden their knowledge, expertise and competence, and develop the personal and professional qualities required throughout their professional lives.
OMS Fellow	OMS specialists that have been admitted to Fellowship of the RACDS (OMS).
OMS Specialist	For the purposes of this policy, OMS specialists are Fellows and non-OMS Fellows registered to participate in the OMS CPD program.
Scope of practice	The professional role and services that an individual health practitioner is trained, qualified and competent to perform.
Non-practising registration	Practitioners who no longer wish to practise the profession but wish to remain registered.
Approved education provider	An education provider considered by the CPD Committee to have met the CPD activity approval assessment criteria for the activity they are applying for.

Policy Statement

1. EXEMPTION FROM CPD REQUIREMENTS

- 1.1. OMS specialists and specialist international medical graduates undergoing specialist assessment must comply with the RACDS CPD for OMS Standard. The CPD requirements remain the same regardless of whether OMS specialists practice part-time or otherwise, unless granted an exemption from participation.
- 1.2. OMS trainees, new Fellows admitted to RACDS after 30 October, and Fellows retired from active practice are granted automatic exemption from CPD requirements.
- 1.3. Fellows on medical, parental, or carer's leave, those with non-practising registration, and other special circumstances can apply to the CPD Committee for

exemption from CPD requirements. OMS specialists in this category should refer to the relevant regulatory authority regarding meeting their CPD requirements.

- 1.4. Fellows residing overseas, undertaking post-specialist training, and retired but maintain registration where there is a regulatory requirement to participate in CPD cannot apply for exemption from CPD requirements.

2. APPLICATION

- 2.1. OMS specialist must submit their application for an exemption and supporting documentation at least four weeks before the end of the CPD year. The CPD Committee will review the application and notify the applicant of the outcome within 14 days.

3. COLLEGE SUPPORT

- 3.1. OMS specialists can contact the Education Officer by e-mail at omsfellow@racds.org or phone +61 2 9262 6044 for support.

4. RECONSIDERATION, REVIEW AND APPEALS

- 4.1. OMS specialists who are dissatisfied with the outcome of a determination in relation to this policy can appeal in accordance with the RACDS Reconsideration Review and Appeal Policy.

5. RELATED DOCUMENTS

- 5.1. This policy must be read with reference to the following:

- a) Medical Board of Australia CPD Registration Standard
- b) Medical Board of Australia Professional Performance Framework Strengthening CPD
- c) Medical Board of Australia Recency of Practice Registration Standard
- d) Medical Council of New Zealand Recertification and CPD Guide
- e) Medical Council of New Zealand Recertification Requirements for Vocationally Registered Doctors in New Zealand
- f) Medical Council of New Zealand Restoration to the Register Policy
- g) Medical Council of New Zealand Returning to Practice Policy
- h) Dental Board of Australia Guidelines on CPD
- i) Dental Council of New Zealand Recertification of Oral Health Practitioners Policy
- j) Dental Council of New Zealand CPD Activities Policy
- k) RACDS CPD for OMS Standard
- l) Enrolment in the RACDS CPD Program Policy
- m) RACDS OMS CPD Participation and Compliance Policy
- n) RACDS OMS CPD Verifications Policy
- o) RACDS OMS Approval of CPD Activities Policy
- p) RACDS Reconsideration Review and Appeals Policy

- q) RACDS OMS CPD Guide for Participants
- r) RACDS My OMS CPD Home Tracker User Guide