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CEO

Australian and New Zealand
College of Anaesthetists

Dr Andrew Mulcahy
Acting Chair
Medical Board of Australia

Via email: medicalboard@ahpra.gov.au

Dear Andrew

Thank you for your letter dated 19 December 2024 confirming the addition of two anaesthesia qualifications to the expedited specialist pathway accepted qualifications list for specialist international medical graduates (SIMGs).

We are pleased that the successful completion of an Effective Management of Anaesthetic Crisis (EMAC) course has been included as an application requirement.

Now that the pathway is operational for anaesthesia, ANZCA would appreciate regular meetings with the Medical Board of Australia and Ahpra as a communication channel to ensure the pathway and anaesthesia services in Australia continue to operate as safely and effectively as possible. This aligns with advice from the Department of Health and Aged Care to discuss ongoing matters with the Medical Board of Australia and Ahpra. These meetings may be monthly or at a frequency deemed suitable by both parties.

Ideally we would like to discuss the following items: visibility of the numbers of applicants, the process and proportion of applicants agreeing to let the college know of their application via the expedited specialist pathway, which areas are attracting the highest number of expedited applicants, any issues experienced in applications or assessments, any assessment aspects that the college could assist or advise on, potential solutions that could be implemented to refine the pathway and any other items.

As we have communicated previously, the college is keen to work together with the Medical Board of Australia and Australian governments to ensure high-quality and safe anaesthesia services continue to be provided to the Australian community.

We look forward to meeting with you soon. Please contact ceo@anzca.edu.au to discuss the occurrence of these meetings.

Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive Officer