

Thinking of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery?

Plastic and reconstructive surgery is the diagnosis and treatment (operative and non-operative) of patients requiring the restoration, correction or improvement in the shape and appearance of the body structures that are defective or damaged at birth or by injury, disease, growth or development. It includes all aspects of cosmetic surgery.

For more information on Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery as a specialty in New Zealand [click here](#)

The Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) invites you to view interviews with experienced surgeons about their [study](#), practice and highlights.

Training in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery is coordinated by the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) Board of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery which is responsible for the selection, placement and monitoring of all Trainees in this specialty in New Zealand.

Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Training

To help guide junior doctors' career development during the early pre-vocational years, the College has established JDocs, a competency framework (JDocs Framework) supported by a suite of learning and assessment resources.

JDocs is available to any doctor registered in Australia and New Zealand, from and including internship, where the level of engagement is determined by the junior doctor.

For further information visit the [competency-framework](#) and [RACS competencies](#)

When selecting doctors for Surgical Education and Training (SET) RACS focus is on their potential to achieve the 9 RACS competencies:

1. Professionalism
2. Scholar/Teacher
3. Health Advocacy
4. Management and Leadership
5. Collaboration
6. Communication
7. Medical Expertise
8. Judgement – Clinical Decision Making
9. Technical Expertise

Specialty Training

5 Years

- Surgical Education and Training (SET) 1 to 5
- Each SET is 12 months in duration

Entry Requirements

- [Generic Selection Requirements](#)
- [Specialty Specific Requirements](#)

The number of doctors selected for SET in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery is not based on entry requirements alone but also on scoring high enough in the selection process to be offered one of the limited number of training positions.

You will need to complete placements in multiple DHBs whilst undertaking vocational training

SET in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery is separate in New Zealand and Australia.

Registration in SET Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery is not transferable between New Zealand and Australia.

Registration is not training-site specific and lasts for the duration of the training programme, assuming satisfactory progression.

Specialty Training Programme Information

Medical College

[Royal Australasian College of Surgeons](#)

The College is the principal body for the training and education of surgeons in Australia and New Zealand. Accreditation is given by the Australian Medical Council, on behalf of the Medical Board of Australia, and the Medical Council of New Zealand to conduct training and education of surgeons in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery in Australia and New Zealand.

Fellowship/Qualification

Fellow of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (FRACS) in Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

[Application and Selection Process](#)

Examination Requirement

RACS Examinations include the

- Clinical Examination,
- Generic Surgical Sciences Examination,
- Specialty Specific Examination and
- Fellowship Examination.

Information regarding RACS examinations can be found [here](#)

[Recognition of Prior Learning](#)

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Further information can be obtained from the [Royal Australasian College of Surgeons](#)

Resident Medical Officer (RMO) Information

Demand for vocational Training Posts

Year	Number of applications for training year	Number of applicants for training year selected
2016	12	4
2015	17	4
2014	18	4
2013	17	3
2012	14	3
2011	18	3
2010	12	2
2009	16	6

RMO training registrar positions contracted

Northern	Midland	Central	South Island	Total
6	1	5	3	15

(September 2016 RMO census)

Regions

Northern:

Northland, Waitemata, Auckland, Counties Manukau DHBs

Midland:

Lakes, Tairāwhiti, Bay of Plenty, Waikato, Taranaki DHBs

Central:

Hawke's Bay, Wanganui, MidCentral, Wairarapa, Capital and Coast, Hutt Valley DHBs

South Island:

Nelson Marlborough, Canterbury, South Canterbury, Southern, West Coast DHBs

Senior Medical Officer (SMO) Information

NZ New Fellows (Some SET Trainees work for a year or more overseas before returning to NZ and applying for the award of FRACS).

Year	Number of NZ New Fellows
2016	2
2015	6
2014	2
2013	3
2012	2
2011	1
2010	6
2009	0

Average Age of SMOs	Number registered with the Medical Council	% of international medical graduates in the workforce
51	68	25

Number by Region (September 2016 SMO census)

Northern		Midland		Central		South Island		Total	
FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount	FTE	Headcount
16.6	19	5.3	6	7.1	9	8.6	12	37.5	46