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Registration for selection is now open

Please ensure that you fulfill all of the generic eligibility criteria, and the eligibility criteria for the specific specialty (or specialties) before you proceed.

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Generic eligibility requirements for selection into the SET program

Any person wishing to apply for selection into the training program of one (or more) of the surgical specialties must fulfil all of the generic eligibility criteria, plus the eligibility criteria for the specific specialty (or specialties).

The **generic eligibility criteria** which apply across all nine specialties are:

- Permanent residency¹ or citizenship of Australia or New Zealand at the time of registration
- General (unconditional) registration in Australia or General scope or restricted general scope registration in the relevant specialty² in New Zealand

All generic eligibility requirements must be satisfied at the time of registration. At the time of registration applicants must consent to a full criminal history check including submission of relevant documentation on request to enable this to be undertaken. **No registrations will be accepted after 5.00 p.m. 19 February 2010 AEDT.**

Prior to registration please read:

- [Registration for Selection into Surgical Education and Training \(SET\) Program](#)
- [Selection to Surgical Education and Training](#)
- [Website information on specialty training and selection](#)

Notes:

1. Permanent (non-citizen) residents of New Zealand are not automatically entitled to residential approval in Australia. New Zealand (non-citizen) residents who apply for a program with Australian rotations will be responsible for securing a visa. In the event that a visa cannot be obtained no special arrangements can be made, and the offer of a place on the program may be withdrawn, or the trainee dismissed.
2. Doctors with restricted general scope registration can only apply for training in the specialty to which they are restricted.

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Specialty specific eligibility criteria and selection processes

Applicants may apply for selection into SET if they can demonstrate, at the time of submitting their application that they have completed, or will complete prior to the start of the next training year, all the mandatory clinical requirements of the specialty to which they are applying. If a selected applicant does not fulfil the specialty requirements prior to the start of the next year of training the offer will be withdrawn.

For those specialties that conduct separate selection processes in Australia and New Zealand, an applicant may only apply for selection in one or the other country. Applicants will be required to nominate which country they are applying for at the time of

registration.

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There are two stages in the selection process. Stage 1 is the registration stage

Anyone intending to apply for selection in 2010 must register their intention to apply within the specified time-frame. By the closing date of this stage, applicants must be able to meet the generic eligibility requirements. The fee for registration must be paid by any applicant who is not a current trainee in the BST or SET programs (excluding BST trainees who have interrupted their training) or Fellow. IMGs who have been recommended to apply to SET must pay the registration fee. All stage 1 registrations are conducted on-line through the College. Potential applicants for selection into SET cannot register via specialty societies and associations.

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Stage 2 is the application and selection stage

Doctors who have registered for selection and have been confirmed as satisfying the generic eligibility requirements may lodge an application for selection from 12 March 2010. The following specialties accept applications for selection through the College web-based application system:

- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- General Surgery, New Zealand
- Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery, (Australia and New Zealand)
- Paediatric Surgery
- Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, New Zealand
- Vascular Surgery

The following specialties accept applications for selection through their specialty societies.

- General Surgery - Australia
- Neurosurgery
- Orthopaedic Surgery (Australia and New Zealand)
- Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery - Australia
- Urology

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Fees for selection

Stage 1	Selection Registration Fee	AU \$407 (Inc. GST)	There will be no refund on this fee
	Selection Registration Fee	NZ \$478.13 (Inc GST)	There will be no refund on this fee
Stage 2	Selection Processing Fee	AU \$616 (Inc GST)	There will be no refund on this fee
	Selection Processing Fee	NZ \$720 (Inc GST)	There will be no refund on this fee

This Selection Processing Fee applies to:

- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- General Surgery, New Zealand
- Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery (Australia and New Zealand)
- Paediatric Surgery
- Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, New Zealand
- Vascular Surgery

The following other specialty programs will publish their own Selection Processing Fees:

- General Surgery - Australia
- Neurosurgery
- Orthopaedic Surgery (Australia and New Zealand)
- Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Australia
- Urology

Applicants applying to more than one specialty are required to pay a Selection Processing Fee for each specialty at the time of submitting their application/CV.

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Time-line for Selection 2010

Stage 1	Selection registration	Opens: 13 January 2010 (12 noon AEDT) Closes: 19 February 2010 (5.00 p.m. AEDT)
Stage 2	Selection application	Opens: 12 March 2010 (12.00 noon AEDT) Closes: 6 April 2010 (12.00 noon AEDT)
	Referee reports will be collected	19 April - 21 May 2010
	Interviews	See specialty specific information
	Announcement of offers NZ only	28 June 2010
	Announcement of offers	16 July 2010
	AUS and bi-national programs	

If you are eligible to apply in 2010 for the SET program, you must register for selection between 13 January and 19 February 2010.

Applicants offered a position on a training program must accept within 10 days of the offer. Offers not accepted within the nominated timeframe will be automatically rescinded.

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