

1. Purpose

The purpose of this policy for the Post Fellowship Education & Training (PFET) Program in Trauma Surgery is the process of applying to the training program.

2. Definitions

Listed here are all key terms and acronyms used in the policy, and their definitions.

Acronym – Key Word	Definition
GSA	General Surgeons Australia
PFET	Post Fellowship Education & Training
TTC	Trauma Training Committee
Board	GSA Board of Directors
ANZAST	Australian and New Zealand Association for the Surgery of Trauma

3. Policy

3.1 Eligibility for Application

Applicants wishing to apply for selection into the PFET Program in Trauma Surgery must submit a completed Selection Application Form to the TTC, via the PFET Executive Officer, including the following:

- i. Proof of successful completion of the Fellowship Examination in General Surgery or Orthopaedic Surgery.
- OR** ii. Evidence of enrolment for the May sitting of the RACS Fellowship Examination in General Surgery or Orthopaedic Surgery in the year of application.
- iii. Proof of current and valid medical registration from the applicable Medical Board or Council in Australia or New Zealand (e.g. AHPRA). Australian applicants must have general (unconditional) registration. New Zealand applicants must have general scope or restricted general scope registration in the relevant specialty.
- iv. Proof of citizenship or permanent residency status in Australia or New Zealand.
- v. Proof of Medical Indemnity Insurance.
- viii. Payment of the Selection Application fee.

The opening and closing dates for application are published on the GSA website each year. Late applications will not be accepted.

Applicants are advised to self-assess that they meet the minimum eligibility criteria required before submitting their completed Selection Application Form.

3.2 Required Documentation

At the time of application, applicants are required to demonstrate that they are a permanent resident of Australia or New Zealand by attaching a copy of their birth certificate, permanent resident visa, certificate of citizenship, or a statutory declaration.

A driver's licence or medical benefits membership cards are not acceptable evidence of permanent residency.

At the time of application, applicants are required to demonstrate that they hold general (unconditional) registration in Australia or general scope or restricted general scope registration in the relevant specialty in New Zealand. A copy of the medical registration certificate is the only acceptable evidence of registration.

3.3 Application Fees

Each application for Selection will incur a fee. The fee for application for Selection will be approved by GSA each year and published on the GSA website.

Applicants who fail to meet the eligibility requirements will be deemed ineligible and will not proceed further with the Selection process.

Refunds will not be provided in any circumstance.

3.4 Special Consideration

Notwithstanding any provision within this policy, where there are exceptional circumstances recognised and approved by GSA, a refund of the selection application fee may be available.

4. Documents and Forms

1. GSA PFET Selection to Trauma Training Policy
2. GSA PFET Trauma Registration and Variation Policy
3. GSA PFET Trauma Training Fees Policy
4. GSA PFET Trauma Training Agreement

5. Implementation

The policy will be available on the GSA website.