

1. Purpose & Scope

The purpose of this policy defines the fees associated with the Post Fellowship Education & Training (PFET) Program in Trauma Surgery.

The training of future surgeons is one of the key activities of GSA. Fees paid by Trainees fund the conduct of the PFET Program in Trauma Surgery. The payment of fees entitles a Trainee to undertake training in accordance with the policies of GSA.

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
RACS	Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
Board	GSA Board of Directors
ANZAST	Australian and New Zealand Association for the Surgery of Trauma

3. Policy

3.1 PFET Training Fees

PFET training fees are approved by the Board each year and published on the GSA website. Invoices are issued prior to the commencement of the training year.

3.2 PFET Training Fee Categories

3.2.1 A Standard Training Fee is payable by all Trainees registered with GSA to undertake Trauma training in a full time capacity for more than six (6) months of the training year.

3.2.3 The minimum fee payable by any Trainee who undertakes active Trauma training and/or accredited research in the training year is 50% of the Standard Training Fee.

3.2.4 An Administration Fee is payable by all Trauma Trainees registered with GSA for approved interruption or deferral, or who have completed clinical placements but have not completed the full training program.

3.2.5 A Research Fee is payable by all Trauma Trainees registered with GSA who are undertaking a full-time research year.

3.3 Withdrawal

3.3.1 Trainees who withdraw from training within three (3) months of the commencement of the training year are entitled to a refund of 50% of the scheduled fee. No refund is available to Trainees who withdraw after that time.

3.4 Non-payment of Fees

- 3.4.1 GSA invoices are issued prior to the commencement of the training year following approval of fees by the Board.
- 3.4.2 Where fees remain outstanding after 90 days from the issue date, which appears on the invoice, Trainees will be automatically dismissed from training.
- 3.4.3 Trainees who are terminated from training for non-payment of fees may be entitled to reapply to the PFET Program in Trauma Surgery.

4. Documents and Forms

- 1. GSA PFET Trauma Former Trainees Seeking to Reapply to Training

5. Implementation

The policy will be available on the GSA website.