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ACT	Australian Capital Territory
AoN	Area of Need
ASM	Annual Scientific Meeting
AUS	Australia
CGO	Certification in Gynaecological Oncology
CMFM	Certification in Maternal Fetal Medicine
COGU	Certification in Obstetrical and Gynaecological Ultrasound
CPD	Continuing Professional Development
CREI	Certification in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG) is dedicated to the establishment and maintenance of a high standard of practice in obstetrics and gynaecology and women's health.

The College trains and accredits doctors throughout Australia and New Zealand in the specialty of obstetrics and gynaecology so that they are capable - professionally and psychologically - of providing the highest standards of health care.

The College also supports research into women's health and acts as an advocate for women's health care by forging productive relationships with individuals, the community and professional organisations, both locally and internationally.

This Activities Report is provided to the community as a comprehensive account of College activities throughout 2013. It focuses on providing details of the Obstetric and Gynaecological workforce, as well as information regarding training of Fellows, Subspecialists, and Diplomates across Australia and New Zealand,

Table 5. FRANZCOG trainees in accredited positions by gender, 2010 – 2013

2010	2011	2012
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Hospital Accreditation

The Integrated Training Program (ITP) is based in major teaching hospitals, outer suburban and rural/provincial hospitals accredited for such training by the College. A combination of these different types of hospitals forms a consortium, each known also as an ITP. An ITP would normally comprise at least two sites and could be offered by:

- A tertiary hospital and a number of peripheral/rural hospitals;
- Two or more tertiary hospitals;
- All of the teaching hospitals within a state or region;
- Three or more hospitals, at least one of which is a tertiary hospital, in diff

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Table 13. Subspecialty trainees by year of training and gender, August 2013

		Year 1	Year 2	Year 3+	Total
CGO	Female	2	1	1	4
	Male	3	-	2	5
	Subtotal	5	1	3	9
CMFM	Female	6			

The MRANZCOG Written Examination is part of the assessment for the attainment of both the MRANZCOG and FRANZCOG qualifications. The MRANZCOG Written Examination is held twice yearly and currently consists of two papers:

- A multiple choice question (MCQ) paper of 120 questions.
- A short answer question (SAQ) paper consisting of 12 questions, all of equal value.

Both papers are standard set on an examination by examination basis.

The MRANZCOG Oral Examination is also part of the assessment for the attainment of both the MRANZCOG and FRANZCOG qualifications, and is held twice yearly. The MRANZCOG Oral Examination is a highly structured examination, consisting of 10 stations, designed to assess the clinical competence (including reasoning and judgment) of a candidate in the examination, diagnosis and management of clinical problems. The examination is standard set on an examination by examination basis.

Table 15. MRANZCOG examination pass rates, 2013



RANZCOG is the body formally appointed by the Medical Board of Australia to conduct assessments of Specialist International Medical Graduates (SIMGs) who possess overseas qualifications in obstetrics and gynaecology and who wish to be recognised as a specialist in this field in Australia. Assessment is undertaken of the comparability of an applicant's training, qualifications and experience relative to that of an Australian trained specialist. The College also undertakes such assessments in New Zealand for the Medical Council of New Zealand in the capacity of a Vocational Education and Advisory Body to the Council.

Elevation to Fellowship of the College is governed by regulations, available at <http://www.ranzcog.edu.au/the-ranzcog/governance/ranzcog-regulations.html>

The Area of Need (AoN) process aims to meet gaps in service delivery in Australia, primarily in rural areas where there is an acute shortage of practitioners, including obstetricians and gynaecologists. The College undertakes assessment of IMGs with overseas specialist qualifications relative to a specific position description to determine whether the applicant is able to safely undertake the AoN position in question. AoN applicants are also assessed concurrently for their comparability to an Australian-trained specialist in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Further information in regard to specific aspects of the SIMG assessment processes conducted by the College may be found at www.ranzcog.edu.au/process.html.

Table 18. Applications from SIMGs, 2013 – Australia

Applications received (Australia)	No.
SIMG applications	58
Not eligible for interview	2
Application lapsed/withdrawn	5
Applications pending	8
Eligible for interview	43
AoN applications	2

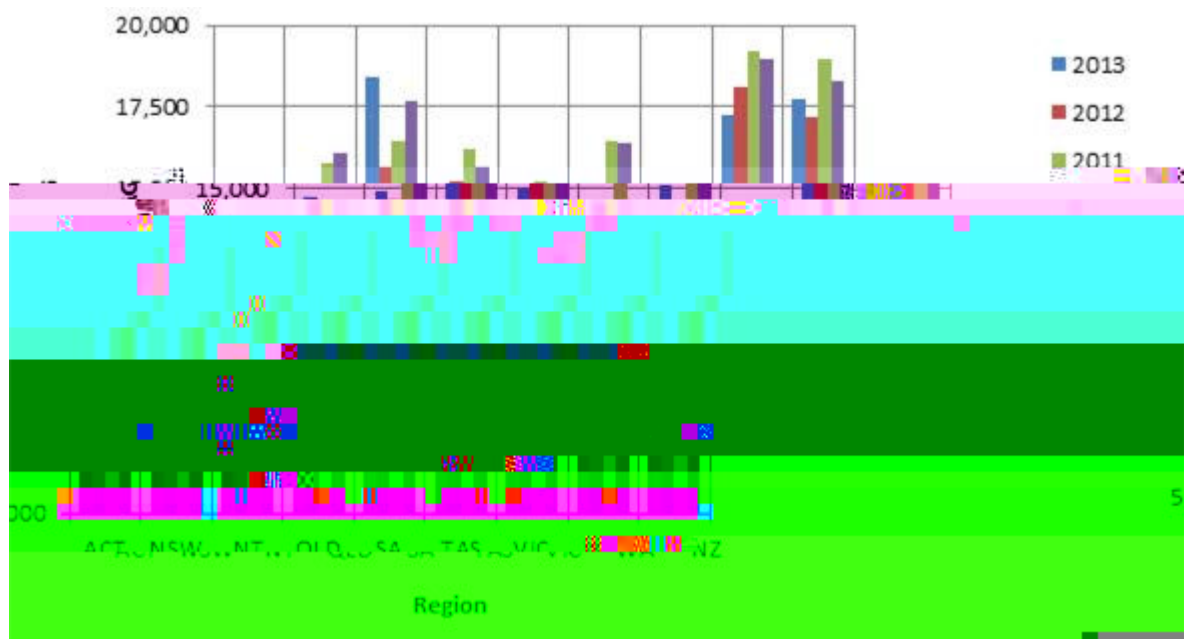
Table 19. Assessment outcomes for SIMGs, 2013 – Australia

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Table 28. Population per O&G Fellow, 2013

Region	No. of active O&G Fellows	Population 2013	Number of population per O&G			
			2013	2012	2011	2010
ACT	26	383,400	14,746	12,087	13,533	13,293
NSW	497	7,407,700	14,905	14,639	15,740	16,051
NT	13	239,500	18,423	15,653	16,443	17,669
QLD	311	4,658,600	14,979	15,200	16,186	15,628
SA	116	1,670,800	14,403	13,454	15,202	14,178
TAS	34	513,000	15,088	14,629	16,470	

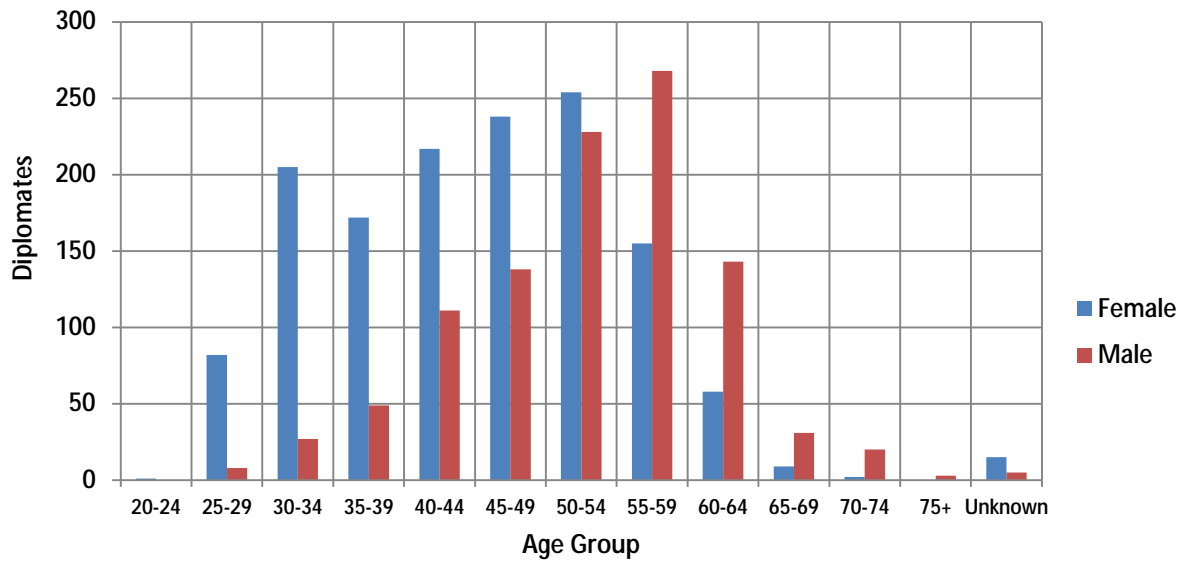
Figure 7. Population per O&G, 2010-2013



Diplomates

Table 29. Diplomates by gender

Figure 8. Diplomates by age group and gender, 2013



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Associate Members

Associate Membership is open to any medical practitioner who holds a specialist qualification in the area of obstetrics or gynaecology that was not awarded by RANZCOG and who is practising unsupervised providing specialist women's health services in Australia, New Zealand, the Pacific Islands or Timor Leste. Associate Members are required to participate in and satisfactorily complete CPD activities of the College.

Educational Affiliates

Registered medical practitioners working as a specialist in obstetrics and gynaecology or more broadly in Women's Health in Australia or New Zealand who are not a Fellow of RANZCOG, and are not eligible for Associate Membership may apply to become an Educational Affiliate; for example, AoN practitioners in Australia and SIMGs practising in New Zealand under a provisional vocational scope of practice. An Educational Affiliate is encouraged but not required to participate in ongoing CPD.

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In 2013:

- 428 Fellows were due for completion of their CPD requirements and 21 of these, including one subspecialist, were randomly selected for a Verification Check.
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