

Weighted Criteria: Guidelines for determining the eligibility of candidates for Grand parenting of Obstetric Medicine Certificate by SOMANZ

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From 2013 onwards the Obstetric Medicine Certificate, will be awarded by the Society of Obstetric Medicine of Australia and New Zealand (SOMANZ) to an Advanced Trainee of the **Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP)** who has satisfactorily completed the **SOMANZ** recommended training experience for obstetric medicine.

For Physicians training or practicing in Obstetric Medicine prior to 2013, SOMANZ will issue the Obstetric Medicine Certification if sufficient points are met from the following compulsory and supplementary criteria.

A minimum of **16 points** must be achieved.

Applicants will need to:

1. Complete the application form and scoring sheet available on the SOMANZ website.
2. Provide a copy of their full Curriculum Vitae and any other supporting documents requested.
3. Be a financial member of SOMANZ at the time of application.
4. Pay the prescribed application fee when submitting the application [AUD 350 for New Zealand applicants; AUD 385 (includes GST) for Australian applicants].

Compulsory criteria: Practice in Obstetric Medicine	Points
Minimum of five years (in the past 10 years) in clinical consultant specialist practice in a salaried appointment or referral practice with at least 0.2 FTE dedicated to Obstetric Medicine. Have FRACP (<i>or Equivalent</i>) <u>and</u> have registration as a specialist physician with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) or vocational registration in internal medicine with the Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ). Evidence* must be provided to support that your obstetric medicine practice encompasses a broad range of medical disciplines in the context of pregnancy as outlined in the Obstetric Medicine Curriculum on the RACP website (https://www.racp.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/sac-general-acute-care-medicine.pdf?sfvrsn=4) and includes practice in a variety of clinical settings as per the Curriculum (e.g. out-	16

<p>patient practice, inpatient consults to maternity services, emergency calls to obstetric patients, pre-conception and post-partum review). <i>Registrar level positions cannot be considered in this category.</i></p>	
OR	
<p>Minimum three years (in the past 5 years) in clinical consultant specialist practice in a salaried appointment or referral practice with at least 0.2 FTE dedicated to Obstetric Medicine.</p> <p>Have FRACP (<i>or Equivalent</i>) <u>and</u> have registration as a specialist physician with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) or vocational registration in internal medicine with the Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ).</p> <p>Evidence* must be provided to support that your obstetric medicine practice encompasses a broad range of medical disciplines in the context of pregnancy as outlined in the Obstetric Medicine Curriculum on the RACP website (https://www.racp.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/sac-general-acute-care-medicine.pdf?sfvrsn=4) and includes practice in a variety of clinical settings as per the Curriculum (e.g. out-patient practice, inpatient consults to maternity services, emergency calls to obstetric patients, pre-conception and post-partum review). <i>Registrar level positions cannot be considered in this category.</i></p>	8
OR	
<p>Minimum one year (in the past 3years) in clinical consultant specialist practice in a salaried appointment or referral practice with at least 0.2 FTE dedicated to Obstetric Medicine.</p> <p>Have FRACP (<i>or Equivalent</i>) <u>and</u> have registration as a specialist physician with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) or vocational registration in internal medicine with the Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ).</p> <p>Evidence* must be provided to support that your obstetric medicine practice encompasses a broad range of medical disciplines in the context of pregnancy as outlined in the Obstetric Medicine Curriculum on the RACP website (https://www.racp.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/sac-general-acute-care-medicine.pdf?sfvrsn=4) and includes practice in a variety of clinical settings as per the Curriculum (e.g. out-patient practice, inpatient consults to maternity services, emergency calls to obstetric patients, pre-conception and post-partum review). <i>Registrar level positions cannot be considered in this category.</i></p>	4

***Supporting evidence deemed suitable by SOMANZ include:**

1. A letter from your current (and if relevant, past) head of service or clinical lead documenting:
 - a. The full time equivalent (FTE) that you practice in obstetric medicine and your years of service.
 - b. That your practice includes managing women with a broad range of medical disciplines in a variety of clinical settings as outlined in the Obstetric Medicine Curriculum (<https://www.racp.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/sac-general-acute-care-medicine.pdf?sfvrsn=4>)

2. If your work includes private practice and you wish this to be credited as FTE in Obstetric Medicine please provide:
 - a. A letter of support from a referee who refers patients to you (e.g. obstetrician colleague), which includes the duration of your collegial relationship and the scope of obstetric medicine patients referred to you – to support that you consult on women with a broad range of medical disciplines in a variety of clinical settings as outlined in the Obstetric Medicine Curriculum (<https://www.racp.edu.au/docs/default-source/default-document-library/sac-general-acute-care-medicine.pdf?sfvrsn=4>) AND
 - b. A description your practice (e.g. log book) including the number of patients seen per month, their diagnoses and clinical settings for the consultations.

Supplementary Criteria	Points
Clinical Training in Obstetric Medicine	
Minimum 12 months full time (or part time on a pro-rata basis) in supervised clinical training in Obstetric Medicine. Candidate must show evidence of clinical supervision e.g. RACP supervisors training reports or equivalent	8
OR	
Minimum 6 months full time (or part time on a pro-rata basis) in supervised clinical training in Obstetric Medicine. Candidate must show evidence of clinical supervision e.g. RACP supervisors training reports or equivalent	4
Research or academic activities / contributions to literature	
Completion of University awards relevant to Obstetric Medicine: Doctorate OR Masters level degree in a field relevant to Obstetric Medicine	8
Principle Investigator or senior author on a minimum of two papers	2

related to Obstetric Medicine published in a peer-reviewed or refereed journal.	
Author of a minimum of four papers (when not first or senior author) published in a peer-reviewed or refereed journal and/or a minimum of four abstracts (oral or poster) related to Obstetric Medicine presented at an international or national scientific meeting. <i>State meetings cannot be counted. Any combination of at least 4 paper or abstracts in this category will be counted</i>	2
State or national guideline authorship relevant to Obstetric Medicine	1
Member of an Editorial Board relevant to Obstetric Medicine	1
Reviewer at least 3 articles/year for a Journal relevant to Obstetric Medicine (evidence required)	1
Leadership in the field of Obstetric Medicine	
At least 2 years membership of professional body council or committee relevant to Obstetric Medicine (e.g. SOMANZ, ISOM, ADIPS, National Maternal Mortality Review Committee, AMOSS.)	2
Contribution to Education for Obstetric Medicine	
Minimum two years as a recognised supervisor of RACP Advanced trainees in Obstetric Medicine or similar (e.g. doctor undertaking post-graduate Fellowship in Obstetric Medicine)	1
Organizing committee of an obstetric medicine related Annual Scientific Meeting	1
Evidence of regular teaching contributions to undergraduate, postgraduate or collegial (peer) courses or programs related to Obstetric Medicine as detailed in applicant's CV	2

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