

Unprecedented ANZCAP demand sees fast-track Foundation Program extended

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The [Australian and New Zealand College of Advanced Pharmacy \(ANZCAP\)](#) has announced an extension to the [Foundation Program](#) for Australian pharmacists to the end of June, ensuring equitable access for more practitioners amid unprecedented interest and a rapidly climbing number of recognised pharmacists.

Now open in Australia until 11.59pm AEST Sunday 30 June 2024, the Foundation Program is the fastest path to gaining ANZCAP recognition as a Resident, Registrar or Consultant through evidence of prior professional experience, and includes a 25% saving on the first year of recognition.

Tom Simpson FANZCAP (Lead&Mgmt), President of the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) says the extension to the Foundation Program is strictly limited.

‘We’re thrilled with the runaway success of the Foundation Program as pharmacists from across all care settings have embraced ANZCAP, including many who have only very recently begun compiling their personal evidence.

‘The extension of the Foundation Program – through which recognition is attained without the requirement to complete a practice portfolio – will ensure pharmacists who have begun gathering their documentation have time to complete the process. This is the only extension that will be granted.’

Mr Simpson says ANZCAP’s Foundation Program provides a springboard into portfolio management that can help drive pharmacists’ careers long-term.

‘If you are recognised as a Resident or Registrar, your next step is the ANZCAP Independent Program, through which you can seamlessly record evidence of your experience and expertise in the ANZCAP digital platform and collate portfolios aligned with one or two of 46 specialty disciplines.’

ANZCAP provides Australasia’s first comprehensive pharmacy recognition program. Access to ANZCAP is complimentary for SHPA and NZHPA Members, or via annual fee for non-members.

The **ANZCAP Foundation Program** will close to Ahpra General Registered Australian pharmacists at 11.59pm AEST Sunday 30 June 2024. The program remains open to NZHPA pharmacist members.

- View guidance via the [ANZCAP Info Hub](#) including [resources and templates](#) and [pricing schedule](#).

The **ANZCAP Independent Program** is available to Australian pharmacists across all practice settings to accumulate Learning Experiences (LXs) into a personal practice portfolio to meet requirements mapped to the *National Competency Framework for Pharmacists in Australia (2016)*.

- View [ANZCAP Explainer](#) video on key concepts, including Learning Experiences (LXs), the LX Library and Recognition Portfolios.

ANZCAP is a joint initiative of SHPA and the New Zealand Hospital Pharmacy Association (NZHPA).

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The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia (SHPA) is the national, professional organisation for the 6,100+ Hospital Pharmacists, and their Hospital Pharmacist Intern and Hospital Pharmacy Technician colleagues working across Australia's health system, advocating for their pivotal role improving the safety and quality of medicines use. Embedded in multidisciplinary medical teams and equipped with exceptional medicines management expertise, SHPA members are progressive advocates for clinical excellence, committed to evidence-based practice and passionate about patient care.

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The New Zealand Hospital Pharmacy Association, Te Kāhui Whakarite Rongoā Hōhipera o Aotearoa (NZHPA) is a not-for-profit voluntary member organisation which represents the views of and advocates for hospital pharmacy staff. NZHPA provides a voice for more than 450 members on national pharmacy related issues, enables hospital pharmacy representation on national pharmacy bodies, and has several Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and Special Interest Networks (SINs) demonstrating the many facets of specialist practice within hospital pharmacy.

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