



POLICY: ACPS AFFILIATE MEMBERSHIP

Issued by the ACPS Council.

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy sets out the regulations in relation to an “Affiliate Member” of the College.

2. BACKGROUND

The ACPS offers a separate membership category (Affiliate) to registered podiatrists and other registered health practitioners who may wish to gain broader clinical experience within a mentored environment. This class of membership is granted under the authority of the ACPS Constitution Section 10.

Through affiliate membership with the College, registered podiatrists can expand their scope of practice and develop skills that will assist an application into a surgical training program.

3. REGULATIONS

3.1 Eligibility for Affiliate Membership

- The selection committee is responsible for assessing the eligibility of applicants for affiliate membership
- Affiliates can be registered podiatrists or other registered health practitioners with an interest in foot and ankle pathology.
- Other non-health practitioners, such as academic staff or clinical researchers, may be considered for affiliate membership.

3.2 Affiliate Application and Membership Fees

- Applicants must complete the “Application for Affiliate Membership Form” which can be downloaded from the College website.
- Applicants who register for Affiliate Membership with the College and who meet eligibility requirements may be charged an Application Processing Fee. This fee will be published on the College website, and will be payable at the time the application is lodged.
- An annual fee is required to maintain Affiliate Membership with the College. This fee will be reviewed on an annual basis and will be published on the College website.
- An application may be refused or membership discontinued if the affiliate has a condition or limitation to registration applied by AHPRA.

3.2 Role and Scope of Affiliate Member of the College

The role and scope of the Affiliate Member of the College is as follows:

- Affiliate Members are non-voting members of the College
- Affiliate Members are not part of a training program and do not access to the ACPS Appeals Board
- Affiliate Members will have priority access to College sponsored courses and continuing professional development.
- Affiliate Members will have access to scheduled medicines training through priority access to Fellows of the College.
- Affiliate Members will have restricted access to “Members Section” of the College website.
- Affiliate Membership is required in order to assist Fellows of the College at operations.
- Affiliate Members will receive a College Affiliate Membership Certificate
- ACPS affiliate certification can be submitted with an application to Hospital Medical Advisory committees when seeking assistance rights.
- Affiliate Members wishing to assist at operation are responsible for obtaining ACPS approved professional indemnity insurance.
- Affiliate membership with the College is a requirement for “Application for Registration for a Training Position”.
- Affiliate Members of the College will have access, through membership with the College, to international affiliate membership with the American College of Foot and Ankle Surgeons (ACFAS). International affiliate membership with ACFAS will incur a separate fee payable to ACFAS on an annual basis. The College will notify ACFAS of any Affiliate Member who discontinues their Membership with the College

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