

31 July 2026

Mr Steffen Faurby
Chief Executive Officer
Royal Australasian College of Physicians
145 Macquarie Street
Sydney, NSW 2000

Dear Mr Faurby,

Royal Australasian College of Physicians – New Condition

At its meeting on 30 June 2026, the Specialist Education Accreditation Committee (the Committee) was advised of the Australian Medical Council's (AMC) intention to impose an additional condition on the accreditation of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians' (RACP) specialist medical programs and CPD Home. The condition is intended to support continued public confidence in the College's governance, financial management and strategic progress, and ensure that its accredited specialist medical training programs and CPD Home continue to satisfy the relevant accreditation standards. These programs and the CPD Home are currently accredited until 31 March 2029, subject to ongoing monitoring requirements, including monitoring submissions and accreditation conditions.

The additional condition, scope and timeline to meet the condition is:

Condition 33	To be met by: end of 2027
The College demonstrates that good governance practices support the development and delivery of the AMC-accredited specialist medical programs of study and the CPD home function. This includes ensuring that: - The College's induction of Board members is clear about their responsibilities to the College, principles and requirements of good governance and the role of the Board as distinct to the role of management. - the Constitution and any foundation documents support good governance practices. - the Board members, during meetings and in communications with the wider college members, are focused on strategic, financial and risk management matters related to the sustainability of the college and its education and training functions, not on the operational delivery of these. - the Board works to restore trust through demonstrated delivery of its strategic and operational plans. (Standards 1.1.1, 1.1.3 and 1.1.5; CPD Home Criteria 1.2).	
By September 2026 - A roadmap for addressing the condition, which has been agreed upon by the Board - Confirmation of induction undertaken by all new members of the Board By December 2026 - The scope of constitutional change and timeline is agreed by the Board	

Condition 33	To be met by: end of 2027
• Demonstrated progress on supporting governance documentation, e.g. update to the Code of Conduct covering Board members, to reinforce Board civility and professional conduct in governance, as well as commitment to stable governance arrangements. By May 2027 AGM • Members are presented with information on how good governance is achieved in member organisations, while securing mechanisms for the wider membership to provide feedback and influence. Over 2026-27 • A sustained approach to good governance by the Board is demonstrated through the sharing of communications from the Board to members e.g. email communiques, progress updates, Townhall outcomes. • Should the Australian Charities and Not-for-profits Commission-nominated Board members end their appointment, the College may also invite the AMC to Board meetings from time to time, as an observer	

Outcome of Decision

On 3 July 2026, an out-of-session item was circulated seeking the Committee's approval to apply the additional condition to the RACP and its accredited specialist medical programs. AMC Directors were also asked to approve the same condition for the RACP's accredited CPD Home at their 14 July 2026 meeting. The AMC now formally advises the College that the Committee and AMC Directors have agreed to apply Condition 33 to the RACP's accredited specialist medical programs and CPD Home as well as endorse the scope and timeline for meeting the condition. The RACP's specialist medical programs and CPD Home continue to substantially meet the AMC's accreditation standards, and no change to the College's current accreditation period is being made at this time.

Having made the decision, the AMC decision and application of the additional condition will be reported to the Medical Board of Australia at its 26 August 2026 meeting. The AMC will also advise the Medical Council of New Zealand on the application of this condition on the RACP's accredited specialist medical programs and CPD home.

Section 3.3.11 of the *Procedures for Assessment and Accreditation of Specialist Medical Programs 2024* indicates that the provider may seek formal reconsideration of the AMC's decision. The Medical Board of Australia and the Medical Council of New Zealand will be notified of any such requests.

Monitoring Requirements

The College has provided its 2026 monitoring submission for its specialist medical programs to the AMC, which is planned to be reviewed by the Committee at its 20 August 2026 meeting. The 2026 CPD Home monitoring submission is due to the AMC on 7 August 2026. We acknowledge that preliminary information about the College's governance changes was provided on the understanding that further information would be required in the coming months.

Upon receipt of this letter, the College should begin sharing Board communications to members with the AMC as a demonstration of sustained commitment to good governance. The AMC expects to receive the first update

to confirm the induction of new Board members and the roadmap to meet the condition by 30 September 2026, including confirmation that the scope and timelines outlined above can be met.

To ensure your submissions are well received, please direct all correspondence to specaccred@amc.org.au, with the relevant portfolio managers copied:

- Amanda Christie, Manager, Specialist Education Accreditation (amanda.christie@amc.org.au)
- Karen Rocca, Manager, Accreditation Projects and Process Development (karen.rocca@amc.org.au).

The AMC acknowledges the College's ongoing commitment to the accreditation process and its efforts to continuously strengthen its programs. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the College in these areas.

Please feel free to contact me directly with any questions related to this process.

Kind Regards,



Juliana Simon
Head of Accreditation Assessments

juliana.simon@amc.org.au

Cc

Professor Inam Haq, Executive General Manager, Education, Learning and Assessment
Ms Nicole Willico, Executive General Manager, Professional Practice