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FACEM Training Site Accreditation System Proposal Consultation

This survey requests your feedback on the proposed modifications to the system used to accredit sites for FACEM training (currently 6-month linked/6/12/18/24 months). It is envisaged that the revised system will apply to sites from 2022.

Please refer to the Consultation paper [here](#) for further details of the proposed revisions.

While this stakeholder consultation survey is focused on the Site Accreditation System, all proposed revisions to the FACEM Training Program, ACEM Curriculum Framework and the system of FACEM training site accreditation will be provided to internal and external stakeholders for a final period of consultation as advised in the November 2019 communique. The final consultation will be held in June/July 2020, prior to COE finalising a set of recommendations at its meeting scheduled for late July 2020 for the consideration of the ACEM Board.

The survey will take between 5 and 30 minutes to complete depending on the level of detail you wish to provide. All survey questions are optional apart from the demographic data. Within each question there is an opportunity to provide comments and doing so is also optional. You can skip sections and return to them later to answer questions.

You are not required to complete the survey in a single sitting and have the option to save and continue the survey later. To do this, click 'save and continue later' at the end of a section and follow the instructions. Please keep a record of your response ID.

Responses will be de-identified and provided to the Working Group and the Council of Education for the purposes of considering feedback. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact educationdevelopment@acem.org.au. Thank you for taking the time to provide your feedback.

Your Details

Please select the appropriate category:

1. FACEM
2. ACEM Certificant/Diplomate
3. ACEM Trainee
4. ACEM Entity
5. Specialist Medical College
6. Health Jurisdiction
7. Organisation
- 8. Other (✓)**
9. Hospital

Please select your ACEM role/s as applicable.

1. ACEM Entity Member
2. Council of Advocacy, Practice and Partnerships (CAPP) Member
3. Certificate/Diploma Supervisor
4. DEM
5. DEMENT
6. Faculty Board Member
7. Council of Education (COE) Member or Regional Deputy Censor
8. TPR Panel Member
9. WBA Assessor
10. WBA Coordinator
- 11. Other (✓)**



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Please select your ACEM role/s as applicable.

1. ACEM Entity Member
2. Faculty Board Member
3. TPR Panel Member
- 4. Other (✓)**
5. N/A

Please select your region/country.

1. Aotearoa New Zealand
- 2. Australian Capital Territory (✓)**
3. New South Wales
4. Northern Territory
5. Queensland
6. South Australia
7. Tasmania
8. Victoria
9. Western Australia

Please indicate your site type.

1. Regional/Rural
- 2. Urban District (Metropolitan) (✓)**
3. Major Referral (Tertiary)

Contact Information (Optional). We may contact you for further information. Data is automatically saved as you progress. For us to access your responses in the event of any technical issues or to follow up on any issues raised, please ensure that you enter an identifier - either your name or another term/alias that we can use to find your responses. Responses will be de-identified for reporting purposes.

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Site Limits - A Three Tier System

A three-tier system of ED accreditation, based on the current system of accreditation, with corresponding requirements is proposed. This will replace the current 6-month linked, 6, 12, 18 and 24-month accreditation site limit system. It is envisaged that the revised site accreditation classifications will apply to all training sites from the beginning of the 2022 training year.

Tier	Transition for current sites*
Tier 1 – 36 months maximum at a single site	Current 18/24 months - 59 sites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 14 of the current 18-month sites increase by 6 months.
Tier 2 – 24 months maximum at a single site	Current 6/12 months – 59 sites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 16 of the current 6-month sites increase by 6 months.
Tier 3 – 12 months maximum at a single Tier 3 site and private ED AND across all FACEM core ED time	Current 6-month linked sites – 8 sites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All linked sites increase by 6 months 12 months maximum across all core ED training time.

*Numbers current at the time of data collation.

Tier	Number of sites in each proposed tier by delineation			
	Major Referral	Regional/Rural	Urban District	Total
1	35	5	19	59
2	2	29	28	59
3	-	5	3	8

*Numbers current at the time of data collation.

Overall satisfaction

Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the proposal for a revised Three-Tier Site Accreditation System.

	Very dissatisfied	Not satisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
Satisfaction with Three-Tier Proposal	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Do you wish to respond to specific questions regarding the proposal?

1. Yes - continue to the next question (✓)
2. No - final comments and end survey



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The proposed time limits include all core ED training. This core ED training time equates to 36 FTE months in the current three-phase training program (30 months core ED time in advanced training and 6 months discretionary training), and 42 FTE months in the proposed revised four-stage Training Program.

The time limits do not include:

- non-ED training time
- elective TS4 ED training time
- maintenance time; and
- remediation time.

While provisional training time is included in the revised proposal, the maximum provisional accredited training time that is accredited is 12 months. Any additional ED time during provisional training is maintenance time.

Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following maximum training time limits:

	Very dissatisfied	Not satisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
36 months in a single ED classified as Tier 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
24 months in a single ED classified as Tier 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12 months in a single ED classified as Tier 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12 months in a single private ED	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12 months in total across all training for Tier 3 and private EDs combined	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Please provide any further comments regarding the proposed time limits (optional):

ACN considers these timeframes appropriate to ensure depth and breadth of experience for trainees. Feedback from ACN's members who have worked in several major trauma departments and rural emergency departments found their practice to be satisfactory.



FACEM Supervision

To optimise bedside safety, supervision, teaching and welfare of all staff, minimum requirements for supervision are proposed for each tier as described in the table below.

Current accreditation level	Minimum FACEM supervision required	Proposed Tier of accreditation	Proposed minimum supervision required
24 months	Multiple cover 14 hours / 7 days	Tier 1	Multiple cover 14 hours / 7 days 50% of clinical time under direct Fellow supervision
18 months	14 hours / 7 days		
12 months	14 hours / 5 days	Tier 2	14 hours / 7 days 50% of clinical time under direct Fellow supervision
6 months	10 hours / 5 days		
6 months linked	30% of clinical time under direct Fellow supervision	Tier 3	50% of clinical time under direct Fellow supervision

Sites will continue to be assessed on whether safe and effective supervision is provided for FACEM trainees and any additional recommendations will be provided based on each site's specific circumstances. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the following proposed minimum supervision requirements:

	Very dissatisfied	Not satisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
Tier 1	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tier 2	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Tier 3	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Private Sites - 50% of trainee clinical time under direct Fellow supervision	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please provide any further comments regarding FACEM Supervision:

ACN suggests that tier 3 and Private Sites should have the same minimum supervision requirements.

Case mix

The following revised descriptions are proposed with respect to Adult/Mixed Public Emergency Departments:

For Tier 1, the site will, in general, have a similar profile to peer sites across case mix variables and associated resources. It is expected the site will, in general, have a comprehensive case mix with a broad range of acute and complex patients.

For Tier 2, the site will, in general, have a similar profile to peer sites across case mix variables and associated resources. It is expected the site will have a broad range of acute and complex patients; however, it is recognised that there may be limitations with respect to the numbers of some patient cohorts.



For Tier 3, the site will, in general, have a similar profile to its peer sites across case mix variables and associated resources. It is expected the site will have a broad case mix; however, not all patient cohorts will be encountered. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the proposed case mix descriptors:

	Very dissatisfied	Not satisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
Level of satisfaction with the proposed case mix descriptors:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please provide any further comments regarding case mix:

ACN recommends some variables to be taken into account as well as case mix for sites including: trauma, lay-out, Medical-led stream, percentage of paediatric presentations and percentage of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander presentations.

Training Stage 4

In the revised FACEM Training Program, trainees must undertake six (6) FTE months core ED training and six (6) FTE months elective (ED or non-ED) training in Training Stage 4. Following support expressed through the stakeholder feedback, it is proposed that in order to be accredited to provide Training Stage 4 training (core ED and/or elective), sites should be subject to additional accreditation requirements. These requirements will align to the learning outcomes specific to Training Stage 4 and aim to ensure that trainees are able to meet the requisite training and assessment requirements of this stage that focus on senior leadership and management skills.

Guidelines will be provided for non-ED rotations in TS4 to assist sites and trainees to understand the expectations but a formal TS4 accreditation will not be required. This requirement will not apply to trainees in the current Training Program. Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the proposal for Training Stage 4:

	Very dissatisfied	Not satisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
Additional Training Stage 4 accreditation requirements for all EDs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Guidelines for Training Stage 4 requirements for all non-ED placements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please provide any further comments regarding Training Stage 4:

- **ACN is of the view that non-ED rotations would improve or add to technical skills such as Anaesthetic rotation commencing as a mentoring approach for intubation and line insertion skills.**
- **FACEMs should support trainees in team leader roles and leading staff, representing ED in clinical governance and accreditation.**
- **Learning outcomes for TS4 should be pre-arranged with the FACEM and trainee.**



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It is proposed that Major Referral sites be required to have a Director of Research as a requirement of achieving Tier 1 accreditation.

	Very dissatisfied	Not satisfied	Neutral	Satisfied	Very satisfied
Please indicate your level of satisfaction with the proposed Director of Research requirement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Please provide any further comments regarding the Director of Research requirement (optional).

ACN considers the role of the Director of Research to be vital for maintaining clinical and technical coordinated education that is evidenced-based practice. This position could review and research the roles in the emergency department, productivity and contribute to medical education.

Please provide any further comments that you have regarding the proposed revisions to the system of site accreditation:

The revisions to the accredited site classification system appears to reflect the trainee's ownership in collaboration and communication with DENT, experience with different EDs and training limitations in sites which benefit the trainee. This will then promote recruitment to rural and remote sites with trainees/FACEMs whom have experience in a range of EDs with broad specialties.

The proposed revisions are clear with set role delineation and ED departments implementing the FACEM workforce model with timeframes.

This is the end of the survey. Please note, the final proposed revisions to the FACEM Curriculum, Training Program and Accreditation system will be circulated for final comment in June 2020. Thank you for providing your feedback.