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Regulation E Recertification

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Revision History

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v3	May-2017	New E1.3.4 approved with consequential renumbering
v4	Jun-2017	Regulation E1: revisions to delineate ACEM Specialist CPD Program Regulation E2: approved by Board Regulation E3: approved by Board
v5	Aug-2017	E1.1, E2.1.1, E2.1.2: amendment to clarify participation in applicable CPD program approved by the Board for that purpose E1.3.1, E2.3.1, E3.3.1: requirement to record and submit minimum CPD activities
v6	Aug-2018	E1.3.1, E2.3.1, E3.3.1: amendment to requirement to record CPD activities
v7	Dec-2018	Regulation E4: approved by Board
v8	Jun-2020	New Regulation E1.5, E2.5, E3.5, E4.5.4 approved by Board to specify the requirements for Good Standing with the College
v9	Oct-2020	Amendments throughout to effect one (1) ACEM CPD Program

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E1 Fellowship Recertification

E1.1 Participation in a Continuing Professional Development Program

- E1.1.1 Pursuant to sub-clauses 2.1 and 4.3.1(b) of the ACEM Constitution, ongoing Fellowship of the College (FACEM) is contingent upon satisfactory participation in a continuing professional development (CPD) program approved by the ACEM Board for this purpose and the meeting of the requirements of that program as approved by the Board, including satisfactory completion of a Compliance Audit as applicable.
- E1.1.2 Regulation E1.1.1 does not apply to Honorary Fellows and to Fellows who are recognised as being retired pursuant to Regulation A1.3.
- E1.1.3 The ACEM CPD Program operates on a three (3)-year recertification cycle and is overseen by the College Continuing Professional Development Committee under the Terms of Reference approved by the Council of Education (COE).

E1.2 Annual Compliance Audit

- E1.2.1 The participation of Fellows undertaking the ACEM CPD Program shall be reviewed on an annual and three-yearly basis through the conduct of compliance audits. The position of those in default shall be determined by the CPD Committee in accordance with applicable regulations and associated policies.
- E1.2.2 Each year, a proportion of Fellows will be randomly audited to ensure compliance with the ACEM CPD Program for the year and three-year cycle in question.

E1.3 Failure to Comply

- E1.3.1 Fellows who fail to record the minimum requirements of their CPD activities on an annual basis will be deemed to be 'non-compliant' with the requirements of the ACEM CPD Program and subject to a compliance audit. The College may convey this information to any relevant Authority in its absolute discretion or as required by any relevant law or College policy.
- E1.3.2 If, after due process, a Fellow fails to comply with or pass a compliance audit, the Fellow will be deemed to be 'non-compliant' with the requirements of the ACEM CPD Program and subject to a further compliance audit the following CPD year. The College may convey this information to any relevant Authority in its absolute discretion or as required by any relevant law or College policy.
- E1.3.3 Where a further compliance audit(s) is required, the Fellow must pass both it and the preceding audit(s).
- E1.3.4 Where, after due process, a Fellow is found to be non-compliant with the requirements of the ACEM CPD Program at the conclusion of a three-year cycle, they will be referred to COE to be considered for recommendation to the ACEM Board that Fellowship be suspended or terminated pursuant to clause 4.3.1(b) of the ACEM Constitution.
- E1.3.5 Where the Fellowship of a Fellow is suspended or terminated pursuant to Regulation A1.3.4, the College may convey this information to any relevant Authority in its absolute discretion or as required by any relevant law or College policy.

E1.4 Additional Requirements

- E1.4.1 Pursuant to subclause 3.3 of the ACEM Constitution, annual renewal of Fellowship of the College for all Fellows other than Honorary Fellows or those Fellows who have declared themselves to be retired pursuant to Regulation A1.3 shall be dependent upon the following requirements being completed within six (6) months of the annual subscription becoming due and payable:
- (a) payment of the annual subscription; and
 - (b) receipt by the College of a completed 'Renewal of Fellowship Declaration'.
- E1.4.2 Where a completed Renewal of Fellowship Declaration indicates matters that may potentially have an effect on renewal of an individual's Fellowship pursuant to the relevant clauses of section 4 of the ACEM

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Constitution, the matter will be referred in the first instance to the member of the Board appointed for such purposes.

The Board member will determine whether the matters are such that they be:

- dealt with under relevant provisions of Clauses 4.2 or 4.3 of the ACEM Constitution as applicable; or
- referred under the *Complaints Policy* (COR166) to the Complaints Committee; or
- noted with no further action taken.

E1.4.3 A Fellow who fails to pay the annual subscription within six (6) months of it becoming due and payable shall cease to be a member of the College and lose all rights and privileges of membership, pursuant to Clause 3.3 of the ACEM Constitution.

E1.4.4 A Fellow who fails to complete and return to the College the Renewal of Fellowship Declaration as required under Regulation E1.4.2 within six (6) months of the annual subscription becoming due and payable shall cease to be a member of the College and lose all rights and privileges of membership, pursuant to Clause 4.3 of the ACEM Constitution.

E1.5 Good Standing

E1.5.1 A Fellow who has no outstanding financial debts to the College and who is not subject to any disciplinary or other investigations by the College and who has met all ACEM Recertification requirements shall be deemed of Good Standing with the College.

E2 Certificant and Diplomate Recertification

E2.1 Participation in a Continuing Professional Development Program

- E2.1.1 Pursuant to clause 2.1 of the ACEM Constitution and Regulation A1.5, ongoing membership of the College as a Certificant is contingent upon satisfactory participation in a continuing professional development (CPD) program approved by the ACEM Board for this purpose and the meeting of the requirements of that program as approved by the ACEM Board, including satisfactory completion of a Compliance Audit as applicable.
- E2.1.2 Pursuant to clause 2.1 of the ACEM Constitution and Regulation A1.4, ongoing membership of the College as a Diplomate is contingent upon satisfactory participation in a CPD program approved by the ACEM Board for this purpose and the meeting of the requirements of that program as approved by the ACEM Board, including satisfactory completion of a Compliance Audit as applicable.
- E2.1.3 The ACEM CPD Program operates on a three-year recertification cycle and is overseen by the College CPD Committee under the Terms of Reference approved by the Council of Education (COE).

E2.2 Annual Compliance Audit

- E2.2.1 The participation of Diplomates and Certificants undertaking the ACEM CPD Program shall be reviewed on an annual basis through the conduct of compliance audits. The position of those in default shall be determined by the CPD Committee in accordance with applicable regulations and associated policies.
- E2.2.2 Each year, a proportion of participants will be audited to ensure compliance with the ACEM CPD Program for the year and three-year cycle in question.

E2.3 Failure to Comply

- E2.3.1 Certificants and Diplomates who fail to record the minimum requirements of their CPD activities on an annual basis will be deemed to be 'non-compliant' with the requirements of the ACEM CPD Program and subject to a compliance audit. The College may convey this information to any relevant Authority in its absolute discretion or as required by any relevant law or College policy.
- E2.3.2 If, after due process, a Certificant or Diplomate fails to comply with or pass a compliance audit, the member will be deemed to be non-compliant with the requirements of the ACEM CPD Program and subject to a further compliance audit the following CPD year. The College may convey this information to any relevant Authority in its absolute discretion or as required by any relevant law or College policy.
- E2.3.3 Where a further compliance audit(s) is required, the Certificant or Diplomate must pass both it and the preceding audit(s).
- E2.3.4 Where, after due process, a Certificant or Diplomate is found to be non-compliant with the requirements of the ACEM CPD Program at the conclusion of a three-year cycle, they will be referred to the COE to be considered for recommendation to the ACEM Board that membership be suspended or terminated pursuant to clause 4.3.1(b) of the ACEM Constitution.
- E2.3.5 Where the membership of a Certificant or Diplomate is suspended or terminated pursuant to clause 4.3.1(b) of the ACEM Constitution, the College may convey this information to any relevant Authority in its absolute discretion or as required by any relevant law or College policy.

E2.4 Additional Requirements

- E2.4.1 Annual renewal of membership of the College as a Certificant or Diplomate shall be dependent upon the following requirements being completed within six (6) months of the annual subscription becoming due and payable:
- (a) payment of the annual subscription; and
 - (b) receipt by the College of a completed 'Renewal of Membership Declaration'.

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E2.4.2 Where a completed Renewal of Membership Declaration indicates matters that may potentially have an effect on renewal of an individual's membership as a Certificant or Diplomate pursuant to the relevant clauses of section 4 of the Constitution, the matter will be referred in the first instance to the member of the ACEM Board appointed for such purposes.

The Board member will determine whether the matters are such that they be:

- dealt with under relevant provisions of Clauses 4.2 or 4.3 of the ACEM Constitution as applicable; or
- referred under the *Complaints Policy* (COR166) to the Complaints Committee; or
- noted with no further action taken.

E2.4.3 A Certificant or Diplomate who fails to pay the annual subscription within six (6) months of it becoming due and payable shall cease to be a member of the College and lose all rights and privileges of membership, pursuant to Clause 3.3 of the ACEM Constitution.

E2.4.4 A Certificant or Diplomate who fails to complete and return to the College the Renewal of Membership Declaration as required under Regulation E2.4.1 within six (6) months of the annual subscription becoming due and payable shall cease to be a member of the College and lose all rights and privileges of membership, pursuant to Clause 4.3 of the ACEM Constitution.

E2.5 Good Standing

E2.5.1 A Certificant or Diplomate who has no outstanding financial debts to the College and who is not subject to any disciplinary or other investigations by the College and who has met all ACEM Recertification requirements shall be deemed of Good Standing with the College.

E3 Educational Affiliate Recertification

E3.1 Participation in a Continuing Professional Development Program

- E3.1.1 Ongoing membership of the College as an Educational Affiliate admitted pursuant to Regulation A1.7.1 is contingent upon satisfactory participation in the ACEM Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program approved by the ACEM Board and the meeting of the requirements of that program as approved by the Board, including satisfactory completion of a Compliance Audit as applicable.
- E3.1.2 The ACEM CPD Program operates on a three (3)-year recertification cycle and is overseen by the College CPD Committee under the Terms of Reference approved by the Council of Education (COE).

E3.2 Annual Compliance Audit

- E3.2.1 The participation of Educational Affiliates undertaking the ACEM CPD Program shall be reviewed on an annual and three-yearly basis through the conduct of compliance audits. The position of those in default shall be determined by the CPD Committee in accordance with applicable regulations and associated policies.
- E3.2.2 Each year, a proportion of participants will be audited to ensure compliance with the ACEM CPD Program for the year and three-year cycle in question.

E3.3 Failure to Comply

- E3.3.1 Educational Affiliates who fail to record the minimum requirements of their CPD activities on an annual basis will be deemed to be 'non-compliant' with the requirements of the ACEM CPD Program and be subject to a compliance audit. The College may convey this information to any relevant Authority in its absolute discretion or as required by any relevant law or College policy.
- E3.3.2 If, after due process, an Educational Affiliate fails to comply with or pass a compliance audit, the member will be deemed to be 'non-compliant' with the requirements of the ACEM CPD Program and be subject to a further compliance audit the following CPD year. The College may convey this information to any relevant Authority in its absolute discretion or as required by any relevant law or College policy.
- E3.3.3 Where a further compliance audit(s) is required, the Educational Affiliate must pass both it and the preceding audit(s).
- E3.3.4 Where, after due process, an Educational Affiliate is found to be non-compliant with the requirements of the ACEM CPD Program at the conclusion of a three- year cycle, they will be referred to the Council of Education to be considered for recommendation to the Board that membership be suspended or terminated pursuant to clause 4.3.1(b) of the ACEM Constitution.
- E3.3.5 Where the membership of an Educational Affiliate is suspended or terminated pursuant to clause 4.3.1(b) of the ACEM Constitution, the College may convey this information to any relevant Authority in its absolute discretion or as required by any relevant law or College policy.

E3.4 Additional Requirements

- E3.4.1 Annual renewal of membership of the College as an Educational Affiliate shall be dependent upon the following requirements being completed within six (6) months of the annual subscription becoming due and payable:
- (a) payment of the annual subscription; and
 - (b) receipt by the College of a completed 'Renewal of Membership Declaration'.
- E3.4.2 Where a completed Renewal of Membership Declaration indicates matters that may potentially have an effect on renewal of an individual's membership as an Educational Affiliate pursuant to the relevant clauses of section 4 of the ACEM Constitution, the matter will be referred in the first instance to the member of the Board appointed for such purposes.

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The Board member will determine whether the matters are such that they be:

- dealt with under relevant provisions of Clauses 4.2 or 4.3 of the ACEM Constitution as applicable; or
- referred under the Complaints Policy (COR166) to the Complaints Committee; or
- noted with no further action taken.

E3.4.3 An Educational Affiliate who fails to pay the annual subscription within six (6) months of it becoming due and payable shall cease to be a member of the College and lose all rights and privileges of membership, pursuant to Clause 3.3 of the ACEM Constitution.

E3.4.4 An Educational Affiliate who fails to complete and return to the College the Renewal of Membership Declaration as required under Regulation E3.4.1 within six (6) months of the annual subscription becoming due and payable shall cease to be a member of the College and lose all rights and privileges of membership, pursuant to Clause 4.3 of the ACEM Constitution.

E3.5 Good Standing

E3.5.1 An Educational Affiliate who has no outstanding financial debts to the College and who is not subject to any disciplinary or other investigations by the College and who has met all ACEM Recertification requirements shall be deemed of Good Standing with the College.

E4 International Affiliate Recertification

E4.1 Participation in a Continuing Professional Development Program

- E4.1.1 Ongoing membership of the College as an International Affiliate admitted pursuant to Regulation A1.6.1 is contingent upon satisfactory participation in the ACEM Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program approved by the ACEM Board and the meeting of requirements of that program as approved by the ACEM Board, including satisfactory completion of a Compliance Audit as applicable.
- E4.1.2 The ACEM CPD Program operates on a three (3)-year recertification cycle and is overseen by the College CPD Committee under the Terms of Reference approved by the Council of Education (COE).

E4.2 Annual Compliance Audit

- E4.2.1 The participation of International Affiliates undertaking the ACEM CPD Program shall be reviewed on an annual and three-yearly basis through the conduct of compliance audits. The position of those in default shall be determined by the CPD Committee in accordance with applicable regulations and associated policies.
- E4.2.2 Each year, a proportion of participants will be audited to ensure compliance with the ACEM CPD Program for the year and three-year cycle in question.

E4.3 Failure to Comply

- E4.3.1 International Affiliates who fail to record the minimum requirements of their CPD activities on an annual basis will be deemed to be 'non-compliant' with the requirements of the ACEM CPD Program and be subject to a compliance audit. The College may convey this information to any relevant Authority in its absolute discretion or as required by any relevant law or College policy.
- E4.3.2 If, after due process, an International Affiliate fails to comply with or pass a compliance audit, the member will be deemed to be 'non-compliant' with the requirements of the ACEM CPD Program and subject to a further compliance audit the following CPD year. The College may convey this information to any relevant Authority in its absolute discretion or as required by any relevant law or College policy.
- E4.3.3 Where a further compliance audit(s) is required, the International Affiliate must pass both it and the preceding audit(s).
- E4.3.4 Where, after due process, an International Affiliate is found to be non-compliant with the requirements of the CPD Program at the conclusion of a three-year cycle, they will be referred to COE to be considered for recommendation to the Board that membership be suspended or terminated pursuant to clause 4.3.1(b) of the ACEM Constitution.
- E4.3.5 Where the membership of an International Affiliate is suspended or terminated pursuant to clause 4.3.1(b) of the ACEM Constitution, the College may convey this information to any relevant Authority in its absolute discretion or as required by any relevant law or College policy.

E4.4 Additional Requirements

- E4.4.1 Annual renewal of membership of the College as an International Affiliate shall be dependent upon the following requirements being completed within six (6) months of the annual subscription becoming due and payable:
- (a) payment of the applicable annual subscription; and
 - (b) receipt by the College of a completed 'Renewal of Membership Declaration'.
- E4.4.2 Where a completed Renewal of Membership Declaration indicates matters that may potentially have an effect on renewal of an individual's membership as an International Affiliate pursuant to the relevant clauses of section 4 of the ACEM Constitution, the matter will be referred in the first instance to the member of the Board appointed for such purposes.

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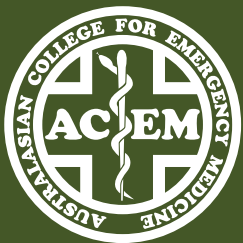
- dealt with under relevant provisions of Clauses 4.2 or 4.3 of the ACEM Constitution as applicable; or
- referred under the *Complaints Policy* (COR166) to the Complaints Committee; or
- noted with no further action taken.

E4.4.3 An International Affiliate who fails to pay the annual subscription within six (6) months of it becoming due and payable shall cease to be a member of the College and lose all rights and privileges of membership, pursuant to Clause 3.3 of the ACEM Constitution.

E4.4.4 An International Affiliate who fails to complete and return to the College the Renewal of Membership Declaration as required under Regulation E4.4.2 within six (6) months of the annual subscription becoming due and payable shall cease to be a member of the College and lose all rights and privileges of membership, pursuant to Clause 4.3 of the ACEM Constitution.

E4.5 Good Standing

E4.5.1 An International Affiliate who has no outstanding financial debts to the College and who is not subject to any disciplinary or other investigations by the College and who has met all ACEM Recertification requirements shall be deemed of Good Standing with the College.



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