



ACEM FOUNDATION EMERGENCY MEDICINE CERTIFICATE (EMC) GRANT FOR ABORIGINAL, TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER AND MĀORI MEDICAL PRACTITIONERS POLICY

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Established in 2019, the ACEM Foundation Emergency Medicine Certificate (EMC) Grant aims to increase the number of Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Māori medical practitioners completing the EMC in Australia and New Zealand.

2. BODY OF POLICY

2.1 Nature of Award

The award consists of a monetary grant available to a registered medical practitioner who identifies as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander or Māori. The amount of the grant is equal to the value of the EMC Training Program enrolment fee paid by the recipient when they enrolled in that program; this can be reimbursed to the recipient or waived on approval of the grant.

2.2 Eligibility Criteria

To be eligible for the grant, applicants must be eligible for and have enrolled in the EMC Training Program. Eligibility requirements for the EMC Training Program are set out in Regulation D1.1, which provides:

- D1.1.1 To be eligible to enrol as a trainee in the ACEM Emergency Medicine Certificate (EMC) Training Program, medical practitioners must hold appropriate registration with either the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) or the Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ).
- D1.1.2 To be eligible to commence the EMC Training Program, medical practitioners must:
 - (a) be in their second or subsequent postgraduate year;
 - (b) have previously completed a minimum of 10 FTE weeks in an Emergency Department;
 - (c) not be enrolled in the FACEM Training Program or the Emergency Medicine Diploma (EMD) Training Program.

The College, through the ACEM Foundation, is committed to increasing the number of Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islander and Māori medical practitioners completing the EMC in Australia and New Zealand. In order to encourage application for the grant, the number of grants available in any calendar year is not capped.

2.3 Applications

Registered medical practitioners who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander or Māori and who meet the eligibility criteria outlined in 2.2 above may apply for the grant at any time of the year. EMC trainees may only apply for the grant on one (1) occasion and must do so within 12 months of the date of enrolling in the EMC.

Each application must:

- be submitted on the appropriate Application Form;
- provide a letter/s of support from a colleague and/or community elder which demonstrates a commitment to supporting you to complete the EMC and highlights your links to your community.
- be submitted by email to: EMCD@acem.org.au.

2.4 Selection Process

Applications will be assessed by the ACEM EMCD unit to ensure they meet the eligibility criteria, before review by the ACEM Foundation for endorsement.

2.5 Presentation of the Award

The grant is not formally presented to the recipient; the recipient will be named through avenues such as the College's annual report (*Year in Review*) for the applicable year, as well as other College sources.

Should the recipient withdraw from the EMC Training Program within 12 months of the date of enrolment without completing the program, the recipient may, at the discretion of the ACEM Foundation, be required to repay the grant to the Foundation.

3. DOCUMENT REVIEW

Timeframe for review: every two (2) years, or earlier if required.

3.1 Responsibilities

Document authorisation: ACEM Foundation
Document implementation: Indigenous Health Committee and EMCD Committee
Document maintenance: ACEM Foundation & IEMC Coordinator

3.2 Revision History

Version	Date of Version	Pages revised / Brief Explanation of Revision
v1	Sep-2018	Approved by Foundation
v2	Sep-2019	Revisions approved by Board