



BUCHANAN PRIZE POLICY

1. PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy governs the criteria for the awarding of the Buchanan Prize, which is awarded to the highest achieving candidate in the Fellowship Examination (Clinical) of the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM/the College) on their first attempt at that examination.

2. BACKGROUND

Dr Peter Buchanan was a Foundation Fellow of the College. He believed in the need for excellence in emergency medicine at a time when this was an embryonic concept in Australia and New Zealand. He demonstrated the value of specialists and trainees in emergency medicine at a time when such positions were almost unheard of, even in the major teaching hospitals in Australia. Dr Peter Buchanan was widely respected.

The prize was named in recognition of Dr Buchanan's outstanding contributions to the College and to the development of the speciality of emergency medicine.

3. BODY OF POLICY

3.1 Nature of Prize

The prize consists of a bronze medal and a certificate.

3.2 Eligibility Criteria

Candidates who pass the Fellowship Examination (Clinical).

The Examination Subcommittee reserves the right not to award the prize for any particular sitting of the Fellowship Clinical Examination (OSCE); however, must notify the Council of Education of this decision.

3.3 Selection Criteria

The prize shall be awarded to the candidate with the highest score on their first attempt at the Fellowship Clinical Examination (OSCE). If two or more such candidates in each OSCE cohort attain the same score, the prize shall be awarded to both/all candidates.

Where, due to candidate numbers, there are two OSCE cohorts (i.e. days 1-3 and 4-6 of the examination) the prize will be awarded in relation to each examination cohort.

3.4 Presentation of Prize

The prize shall be presented annually to the prize winner(s) at the annual College Ceremony.

4. DOCUMENT REVIEW

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

4.1 Responsibilities

Document authorisation: Council of Education
 Document implementation: General Manager, Education
 Document maintenance: Manager Standards

4.2 Revision History

Version	Date of Version	Pages revised / Brief Explanation of Revision
v1	Dec-1998	Approved by the then Council
v2	pre-2014	Regulation 4.14/40 amended to remove reference to the prize '... (having) a monetary value as determined from time to time by Council'.
v3	Jul-2014	Regulations 4.14/50 and 4.14/51 removed from regulation 4.14—Fellowship Examination to create this policy.
v4	Jan-2015	Amended Jul-2014, with effect as of 2015 (when new fellowship exam structure introduced)
v5	Aug-2016	Revisions to eligibility and inclusion of ranked selection criteria
v6	Jul-2017	Revisions to selection criteria.