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Dear Trainee,

From the beginning of the 2022 medical training year, new FACEM trainees will be starting a revised FACEM training program. The revised program was approved by the ACEM Council of Education and ACEM Board following an extensive consultation process with members, trainees, and relevant entities.

It has been agreed that trainees already enrolled in the FACEM training program will continue on the current training program at the start of the 2022 medical training year. This will result in two training programs running concurrently, with two sets of regulations, support resources, handbooks and training portals.

The Council of Education recently discussed the enhancements made to revised training program as well as the challenges of managing trainees across two training programs and agreed that it would be more beneficial for trainees to be on a single training program and as such have agreed that currently enrolled trainees will be transitioned to the revised training program over time.

Options to manage the transition of trainees were discussed by the Council of Education and it was agreed that a staged approach will have the least impact on trainees and can be managed more effectively.

The purpose of this communication is to provide some initial advice as to how and when the transition process will work. A working group has been established to finalise the transition rules and determine which elements of the old program will be credited to the new program and this detailed information will be made available in the coming months. This process will take some time and we appreciate your patience.

The transition of trainees will not begin until **1 November 2022** and will be completed as outlined below;

- Upon successful completion of Provisional Training on or after 1 November 2022, trainees will be transitioned to Training Stage 2 of the revised training program rather than Early Phase of the current training program.
- Upon successful completion of Early Phase training on or after 1 November 2022, trainees will be transitioned to Training Stage 3 of the revised training program rather than Late Phase of the current training program.
- All other trainees will remain on the current training program until **31 October 2023**.
- From the **1 November 2023**, all remaining trainees will be transitioned to the revised training program. This will include those trainees who have not yet successfully completed Provisional or Early Phase training by this date. Individual training plans will be determined based on established transition rules and provided to trainees after that time.

There are several training requirements of the current training program that are not changing significantly in the revised training program and as such the successful completion of these will be directly credited to the new training program, these include the completion of the Non-ED and Critical Care training requirement, the Primary and Fellowship examinations and the Research requirement, so at this stage, you should continue with your current training plans.

We will take this opportunity to reassure trainees that every effort will be made not to disadvantage trainees through the setting of transition rules and the development of training plans.

More information about the revised FACEM training program can be found on the [College Website](#).

If you have any questions regarding this letter, you can contact the ACEM Training Services team at training@acem.org.au, please note however they may not have detailed answers to your questions until the transition rules are finalised and published.

Kind regards.



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