

# GENERAL SURGERY TRAINING PATHWAY

## ENTRY & SELECTION

### Generic Requirements

- To be eligible to apply applicants must:
- Hold current general (unconditional) medical registration.
  - Completed minimum PGY2

### Minimum eligibility criteria

RACS Guide to Essentia Surgical skills recommendations prior to application.

Surgical Education and Training (SET) program offers 9 specialty trainings. Each of the nine surgical specialties administers its own selection process.

- Cardiothoracic Surgery
- General Surgery
- Neurosurgery
- Orthopaedic Surgery
- Otolaryngology, head and neck
- Paediatric Surgery
- Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
- Urology
- Vascular Surgery

**Selection Training (SET)** occurs annually and in stages:

- Stage 1 Registration
- Stage 2 Application
- Stage 3 Referee Reports Collected
- Stage 4 Semi-Structured Interviews
- Stage 5 Announcement of Offers

### Training

- Curriculum, training, and duration of SET varies by surgical specialty

<https://www.surgeons.org/Trainees/the-set-program>

### Courses

All surgical trainees must complete the following short skills courses:

- ASSET:** Australian and New Zealand Surgical Skills Education and Training
- CCrISP®:** Care of the Critically Ill Surgical Patient
- EMST:** Early Management of Severe Trauma
- CLEAR:** Critical Literature Evaluation and Research (mandatory for General Surgery but not all surgical specialties)
- TIPS:** Training in Professional Skills (not mandatory for General Surgery)

## TRAINING PROGRAM

**Complete PGY2+**  
and satisfy all generic eligibility criteria

**Registration**  
for selection into the SET training program for General Surgery - online

**Confirmed**  
as satisfying generic eligibility requirements

**GSA prerequisites**  
are met and documentation is adequate/complete

**Application**  
for selection with General Surgery Australia (GSA) - online

**Interview**  
(successful)

**Offer**  
and allocation to accredited training post

**Surgical Registrar**  
(RACS Trainee)

**SET Training**  
48 months

**Fellowship Exam**

**Consultant/Staff Specialist**  
FRACS

**Selection Registration- registration online**

[The SET selection process | RACS \(surgeons.org\)](https://www.surgeons.org)

### JDOCs by RACS

A junior doctors Framework and ePortfolio to guide junior doctors through required skills, knowledge and behaviors to achieve and demonstrate the postgraduate year level.

[jdocs@surgeons.org](mailto:jdocs@surgeons.org)

### Fees (AUD)

Selection Registration Fee: (Stage 1)	\$575
Selection Processing Fee: (Stage 2)	\$810
SET Training Fee:	\$3,660
Specialty SET Fee: (GSA)	\$4,000

For a full list of fees go to <https://www.surg.org>

### Exams

- Clinical Examination (passed within first 2 years of active training)
- Specialty Specific examination (online modules for General Surgery)
- Fellowship Examinations (written and clinical/viva components)

### SET Training in AWH

- Albury Wodonga Health** - is accredited for SET 2+ general surgical training and have registrars on rotation from The Alfred, St George Sydney and Western Health. Albury Wodonga Health also has accredited Orthopedic Surgery training positions as well as unaccredited Urology and pre SET positions.



## CPD

Trainees are eligible to apply for **Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (FRACS)** following successful completion of the RACS SET Program in General Surgery.

Some **flexible training options** available subject to negotiation and training regulations. Trainees may also apply for variations to their registration status to undertake periods of deferment, interruption or part time training.