



## Application Process for FCSANZ

Applications for FCSANZ go through the following process which can take several months:

- Review by the Regional Committee in which the applicant resides;
- Applications are listed for review by the Professional and Ethical Standards Committee (PESC);
- Applications and the recommendation from the Regional Committee and PESC are then listed for consideration by the Board.

Applicants should be aware that the Board meets four times each year – March, May, August and November. Applications are **not** ratified outside of these meetings. An application needs to be submitted at least 8 weeks prior to the Board meeting at which the applicant wishes to be considered.

## FCSANZ Criteria and Nominator Eligibility

- Physicians and surgeons who are practising independently and have shown that their primary interest and commitment is the practice of cardiovascular medicine or cardiothoracic surgery, or in these allied subjects approved by The Society, and are at least three (3) years post completion of recognised specialty training in cardiology or cardiothoracic surgery. Such recognised training includes Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Physicians with specialty training in cardiology or Fellowship of the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons with specialty training in cardiothoracic surgery (“Specialty Training”). Post-graduate training and qualifications equivalent to the Specialty Training together with registration by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (or successor body) or New Zealand Medical Council (or successor body) as a practicing cardiologist or cardiothoracic surgeon will be considered by the Board.
- Scientists with a doctoral degree and at least three years post-doctoral experience, who are conducting research independently and, whose principal field of research is cardiovascular disease.
- Nursing or allied health professionals who have held a senior leadership position in cardiovascular health care for more than three years and who have demonstrated leadership in the advancement of cardiovascular health in Australia or New Zealand.

**Clause 6.2 a) of the Constitution states:**

Fellows of The Society must maintain continuing financial membership. Fellows of The Society must demonstrate continuing commitment to the advancement of education and research in cardiovascular disease, e.g. through participation in an accredited continuing education programme, publication of research papers or similar activities. Fellows of the Cardiac Society of Australia and New Zealand shall have the right to use the post-nominal identification FCSANZ.

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