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# **Ophthalmology**

## **Northern Territory Medical Career Pathways**

**Flinders NT Regional Training Hub**

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## Ophthalmology – Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO)

The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO) is the medical college responsible for the training and professional development of ophthalmologists in Australia and New Zealand.

**Read more about the RANZCO [here](#)**



### Entry requirements

- A Medical degree with full registration to practice medicine in either Australia or New Zealand at the time of applying
- Citizenship or permanent resident status in Australia or New Zealand (an applicant's citizenship or residency status must be confirmed by 1 April of the year/s they apply to enter the VTP)
- Completed a minimum of two years full-time equivalent (with a minimum of 47 weeks full-time equivalent (FTE) per year) post graduate pre-vocational experience (including the intern year) when you enter the VTP, which must include a minimum of 18 months of broad experience in medical, clinical and surgical settings other than ophthalmology.

### How to Apply

- To be successfully selected onto the RANZCO Vocational Training Program (VTP), an applicant must be short-listed by RANZCO and selected by a Training Network Selection Committee, including being extended an offer of employment. As such, applicants are advised to consider both the RANZCO weightings and those of their preferred Network(s) in making their application
- RANZCO uses a multi-method approach to selecting applicants to enter the VTP.

### Total Training Time

The RANZCO Vocational Training Program is a five-year training program upon completion of which graduates are eligible to be admitted as Fellows of the College (FRANZCO).

- Basic Training (2 years)
- Advanced Training (2 years)
- Final Year Training

### NT Ophthalmology Training Pathways

- Alice Springs Hospital - one training position. Rotations to Alice Springs are six months in duration. Training network with South Australia
- Royal Darwin Hospital - 2 training positions, one Junior and one Senior. Rotations to Darwin are generally 3 months in duration. Training network with Sydney Eye Hospital.

## NT Ophthalmology Training Pathways

Training Site	Basic Training - 24 months	Advanced training - 24 months	Final Year Training - 12 months	Notes
Royal Darwin Hospital (tertiary hospital)	•	•		Training network: Sydney Eye Hospital & Regionally Enhanced Training Network (RETN) – Top End Pathway
Alice Springs Hospital (tertiary hospital)	•			Training network: South Australia
Tennant Creek Hospital				
Palmerston Regional Hospital				
Gove District Hospital				
Katherine District Hospital				

**Note:** To be used as a guide only - refer to the relevant health service and RANZCO for current training post accreditation options.

### Contacts

For more information on Ophthalmology training and employment opportunities in the NT, please contact:

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