

Diploma of Diagnostic Ultrasound International Pathway – 1 June 2021

Background

The Diploma of Diagnostic Ultrasound (DDU) Board of Examiners are pleased to announce the introduction of the 'DDU International Pathway'. This pathway is being introduced to support international medical graduates who are filling temporary 'fellowship' positions, or equivalent, with an emphasis on ultrasound training in Australia and New Zealand (AU/NZ). Such candidates are required to complete a minimum of one (1) year of training under DDU appropriate supervision in AU/NZ, with potential to complete their remaining training in their country of origin/specialist training.

Enrolment under the international pathway is accompanied with strict eligibility and maintenance criteria, therefore potential candidates choosing to enrol must ensure they fully understand and are able to commit to all stipulated requirements as outlined in the 'DDU International Pathway'. No exceptions or customisations can be made to the pathway. As such all enrolments under the 'DDU International Pathway' are at the candidate's risk and failure to comply with the stipulated requirements will result in termination of candidacy.

Summary

Pathway 1 – Enrollee is working in AU/NZ 'fellowship' position or equivalent, enrollee must;

- provide evidence that they are an advanced trainee or Fellow of their overseas specialist training program.
- provide evidence that they are currently in a 'fellowship' position, or equivalent, and that this position is at the equivalent level or would ordinarily be filled by an AU/NZ advanced trainee **and** has a strong emphasis on ultrasound training.
- nominate a DDU appropriate primary clinical supervisor.

The following **must be completed in AU/NZ** prior to approval to undertake DDU training overseas:

- **At least 1 year of DDU supervised training**
 - **At least 50% of the DDU Logbook**, including 50% of each scan category.
 - **Successful completion of two (2) formative case studies**
 - **Successful completion of two (2) formative supervisor assessments.**
- If returning to their country of origin/training for their second year of DDU training, candidates must:
- provide a letter of recommendation from their AU/NZ DDU primary clinical supervisor stating that they support the candidate continuing the DDU overseas and approve of the training and supervisor arrangements.
 - provide evidence that they are returning to a specialist or specialist college advanced trainee position.
 - provide a clear and well-defined pathway for supervision and completion of the DDU for the DDU Board's consideration. The DDU Board must approve these arrangements prior to continuing DDU training overseas.
 - nominate a DDU qualified or equivalent onsite primary clinical supervisor for the DDU Board's consideration.

- nominate a remote DDU appropriate supervisor from AU/NZ and provide details of these supervisor arrangements e.g., how often they will meet for case review and assessment preparation.
- Candidates must be awarded their specialist qualification prior to the award of the DDU.
- Candidates must meet all DDU assessment and time requirements as per the [DDU Regulations](#).

Pathway 2 – Enrolee has received offer of ‘fellowship’ position or equivalent, however has not yet commenced employment. The enrolee must;

- provide evidence that they are an advanced trainee or Fellow of their overseas specialist training program.
- provide evidence of their offer of employment for a ‘fellowship’ position, or equivalent, and that this position is at the equivalent level or would ordinarily be filled by an AU/NZ advanced trainee **and** has a strong emphasis on ultrasound training. Such enrolments are at the candidates own risk and the DDU Board of examiners reserve the right to withdraw the enrolment of any candidate who fails to meet the entry requirements e.g., if the offer of employment is withdrawn or supervisor arrangements fall through.
- at enrolment, advise who their DDU primary clinical supervisor will be on commencement of the ‘fellowship’ position and submit the required paperwork.
- meet all DDU assessment and time requirements as per the [DDU Regulations](#), however they are permitted to sit the Module 1 assessment prior to commencing their ‘fellowship’ position.
- provide evidence they have commenced their ‘fellowship’ position and confirm primary clinical supervisor arrangements prior to starting Module 2.

The following **must be completed in AU/NZ** prior to approval to undertake DDU training overseas:

- **At least 1 year of DDU supervised training.**
- **At least 50% of the DDU Logbook**, including 50% of each scan category.
- **Successfully complete two (2) formative case studies.**
- **Successfully complete two (2) formative supervisor assessments.**
- If returning to their country of origin/training for their second year of training, candidate must;
 - provide a letter of recommendation from their AU/NZ primary clinical supervisor stating that they support the candidate continuing the DDU overseas and approve of the training and supervisor arrangements.
 - provide evidence that they are returning to a specialist or specialist college advanced trainee position.
 - provide a clear and well-defined pathway for supervision and completion of the DDU for the DDU Board’s consideration. The DDU Board must approve these arrangements prior to continuing DDU training overseas.
 - nominate a DDU qualified or equivalent onsite primary clinical supervisor for the DDU Board’s consideration.
 - nominate a remote DDU appropriate supervisor from AU/NZ and provide details of these supervisor arrangements e.g., how often they will meet for case review and assessment preparation.
- Candidates must be awarded their specialist qualification prior to the award of the DDU.
- Candidates must meet all DDU assessment and time requirements as per the [DDU Regulations](#).

Pathway 3 – Enrolees on a Specialist International Medical Graduates (SIMG) pathway with an appropriate AU/NZ specialist college and completing the DDU in AU/NZ. Enrolees must;

- provide evidence of acceptance on to an SIMG pathway with relevant AU/NZ specialist college and details of outstanding requirements for the award of an AU/NZ Fellowship, or evidence of vocational specialist registration with MCNZ (only if undertaking the DDU in NZ).

If the candidate has not yet received an outcome of their application to the relevant AU/NZ College, and can provide evidence that they have applied for this pathway and have DDU appropriate employment and supervision they may still enrol in the DDU and complete the Module 1. However, they cannot commence Module 2 until they can provide evidence that they have been assessed as equivalent to an AU/NZ advanced trainee or Fellow and commended the SIMG pathway. Such enrolments are at the candidate's own risk and the DDU Board reserve the right to withdraw the enrolment of any candidate who fails to meet the entry requirements e.g., if the SIMG assessments determines the candidate is not equivalent to an advanced trainee.

- meet all DDU time and assessment requirements as per the [DDU Regulations](#).
- be awarded a Fellowship of the appropriate AU/NZ specialist college prior to the award of the DDU (excludes those with vocational specialist registration with MCNZ).

These pathways are in accordance with the [DDU Regulations](#) eligibility clauses 2.3.1 and 2.3.2.

DDU International Pathway

The following table provides guidance on the DDU requirements and timelines for candidates enrolled under the 'DDU International Pathway'. It is the enrollee/candidate's responsibility to ensure they fully understand and can commit to all stipulated requirements and timelines as outlined below. No exceptions or customisations can be made to the pathway. As such, all enrolments under the 'DDU International Pathway' are at the candidate's risk and failure to comply with the stipulated requirements will result in termination of candidacy.

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	PATHWAY 1	PATHWAY 2	PATHWAY 3
Eligibility	Candidate employed in 'fellowship' position or equivalent, not in training with an AU/NZ specialist college and on limited AHPRA registration or vocational MCNZ registration.	Candidate has received offer of employment for 'fellowship' position, however, has not yet commenced this employment, is not in training with an AU/NZ specialist college and on limited AHPRA or vocational MCNZ registration.	Candidate has been accepted for overseas qualification recognition via the Specialist International Medical Graduate (SIMG) Pathway or has received vocational recognition of their specialist qualifications by MCNZ (only if undertaking the DDU in NZ).
Enrolment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrol in the DDU and register for Module 1 Assessment. <p>Provide evidence of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> employment in 'fellowship' position or equivalent, and evidence this position is at the equivalent level or would ordinarily be filled by an AU/NZ advanced trainee and has a strong emphasis on ultrasound training. Evidence of International Fellowship or participation in specialist advanced training program with international specialist college. Provide evidence of AHPRA registration - may be limited under supervision. <p>Potential candidates must also provide a timeline for their intended completion of the DDU outlining when they will return to their country of training.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrol in the DDU and register for Module 1 Assessment. <p>Provide evidence of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> offer of employment and that the 'fellowship' position or equivalent, is at the equivalent level or would ordinarily be filled by an AU/NZ advanced trainee and has a strong emphasis on ultrasound training. Pre-arranged DDU Supervision prior to commencement of their role and submit 'Nomination of Primary Clinical Supervisor Form, for prospective supervisor/s Evidence of International Fellowship or participation in specialist advanced training program with international specialist college. Provide evidence of AHPRA registration - may be limited under supervision. <p>Potential candidates must also provide a timeline for their intended completion of the DDU outlining when they will return to their country of training.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrol in the DDU and register for Module 1 Assessment. <p>Provide evidence of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evidence of employment. Evidence of acceptance on to the SIMG pathway with relevant AU/NZ specialist college and details of the requirements for the award of an AU/NZ Fellowship. * or evidence of vocational specialist registration with MCNZ (only if undertaking the DDU in NZ). Nomination of primary clinical supervisor. Provide evidence of AHPRA registration - may be limited/provisional under supervision. <p><i>* If the candidate has not yet received an outcome of their application to the relevant AU/NZ college, can provide evidence that they have applied for this pathway and have DDU appropriate employment and supervision they may still enrol in the DDU and complete the Module 1. However, they cannot commence Module 2 until they can provide evidence that they have been assessed as equivalent to an AU/NZ advanced trainee or Fellow.</i></p>

<p>Module 1</p>	<p>Candidate sits the Module 1 assessment; Module 2 can be undertaken concurrently.</p>	<p>Candidate permitted to sit Module 1 prior to commencement of fellowship position.</p>	<p>Candidate sits the Module 1 assessment*; Module 2 can be undertaken concurrently.</p>
<p>Module 2 Year 1 (and potentially 2)</p> <p>Australia and New Zealand Only</p>	<p>Candidates must complete the following in AU/NZ prior to being permitted to continue their DDU training overseas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ at least 1 year of training under a DDU appropriate supervisor ➤ Successful completion of 2 (two) formative case studies. ➤ Successful completion of 2 (two) formative supervisor assessments. ➤ at least 50% of the DDU Logbook, including 50% of each scan category. <p>Candidates may complete their two years clinical experience in AU/NZ should they choose to do so.</p> <p>Candidates must undertake all Module 2 assessment as per the DDU Regulations.</p>	<p>Evidence of commencement of fellowship position must be provided to ASUM prior to commencing Module 2.</p> <p>Candidates must complete the following in AU/NZ prior to being permitted to continue their DDU training overseas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ at least 1 year of training under a DDU appropriate supervisor ➤ Successful completion of 2 (two) formative case studies. ➤ Successful completion of 2 (two) formative supervisor assessments. ➤ at least 50% of the DDU Logbook, including 50% of each scan category. <p>Candidates may complete their two years clinical experience in AU/NZ should they choose to do so.</p> <p>Candidates must undertake all Module 2 assessment as per the DDU Regulations.</p>	<p>Commence Module 2</p> <p>Candidates must undertake all Module 2 assessment as per the DDU Regulations.</p>
<p>Module 2 Overseas</p> <p>Year 2</p>	<p>Prior to approval of overseas training candidates must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide a letter of recommendation from their AU/NZ supervisor stating that they support the candidate continuing the DDU overseas and approve of the training and supervisor arrangements. ▪ Nominate a DDU appropriate supervisor in their country of training. ▪ Nominate an AU/NZ based DDU holder as a remote supervisor and include details of supervisor arrangements. ▪ Candidate must provide a letter detailing the arrangements for completing DDU training overseas including details of the 	<p>Prior to approval of overseas training candidates must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Provide a letter of recommendation from their AU/NZ supervisor stating that they support the candidate continuing the DDU overseas and approve of the training and supervisor arrangements. ▪ Nominate a DDU appropriate supervisor in their country of training. ▪ Nominate an AU/NZ based DDU holder as a remote supervisor and include details of supervisor arrangements. ▪ Provide a letter detailing the arrangements for completing DDU training overseas including details of the hospital/clinic, 	<p>Candidates on this pathway are expected to complete the DDU in AU/NZ.</p> <p>Should a candidate wish to return to their county of training they must follow pathway 2 from this point. Candidates must complete at least 1 year's training in AU/NZ under a DDU appropriate supervisor prior to being permitted to continue their DDU training overseas.</p> <p>Candidates must undertake all Module 2 assessment as per the DDU Regulations.</p> <p><i>Any request to undertake DDU training overseas must be assessed and approved by the DDU Board of Examiners. The DDU Board reserve the right to not recognise training</i></p>

	<p>hospital/clinic, access to patients, machines and supervision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a letter from the international employer confirming commencement of employment and how the candidate will be supported to continue the DDU. Undertake all Module 2 assessment as per the DDU Regulations. <p><i>Any request to undertake DDU training overseas must be assessed and approved by the DDU Board of Examiners. The DDU Board reserve the right to not recognise training outside of the pre-agreed terms between the candidate and the DDU Board.</i></p>	<p>access to patients, machines and supervision.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide a letter from the international employer confirming commencement of employment and how the candidate will be supported to continue the DDU. Candidates must undertake all Module 2 assessment as per the DDU Regulations. <p><i>Any request to undertake DDU training overseas must be assessed and approved by the DDU Board of Examiners. The DDU Board reserve the right to not recognise training outside of the pre-agreed terms between the candidate and the DDU Board.</i></p>	<p><i>outside of the pre-agreed terms between the candidate and the DDU Board.</i></p>
Module 3	<p>Candidates must meet all eligibility requirements as per the DDU regulations.</p> <p>The DDU Module 3 assessments can only be sat in Sydney, Australia.</p>	<p>Candidates must meet all eligibility requirements as per the DDU regulations.</p> <p>The DDU Module 3 assessments can only be sat in Sydney, Australia.</p>	<p>Candidates must meet all eligibility requirements as per the DDU regulations.</p> <p>The DDU Module 3 assessments can only be sat in Sydney, Australia.</p>
Completion	<p>Successful completion of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Module 1 Module 2 Module 3 <p>Provide evidence of International Fellowship award.</p>	<p>Successful completion of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Module 1 Module 2 Module 3 <p>Provide evidence of International Fellowship award.</p>	<p>Successful completion of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Module 1 Module 2 Module 3 <p>Provide evidence AU/NZ Fellowship award.</p>
Recertification	<p>DDU graduates must meet all recertification requirements as per the DDU Regulations.</p> <p>Continuing professional development points may be obtained outside of AU/NZ however graduates are encouraged to maintain current knowledge of Australian/NZ standards for example by reading AJUM or attending ASUM events.</p>	<p>DDU graduates must meet all recertification requirements as per the DDU Regulations.</p> <p>Continuing professional development points may be obtained outside of AU/NZ however graduates are encouraged to maintain current knowledge of Australian/NZ standards for example by reading AJUM or attending ASUM events.</p>	<p>DDU graduates must meet all recertification requirements as per the DDU Regulations.</p> <p>Continuing professional development points may be obtained outside of AU/NZ however graduates are encouraged to maintain current knowledge of Australian/NZ standards for example by reading AJUM or attending ASUM events.</p>