



Health Insurance (Quality Assurance Activity – RANZCP – Peer Review Groups) Declaration 2020

I, BRENDAN MURPHY, delegate for the Minister for Health, make the following declaration under section 124X of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

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Part 1— Preliminary

1 Name

This declaration is the *Health Insurance (Quality Assurance Activity – RANZCP – Peer Review Groups) Declaration 2020*.

2 Commencement

- (1) Each provision of this instrument specified in column 1 of the table commences, or is taken to have commenced, in accordance with column 2 of the table. Any other statement in column 2 has effect according to its terms.

Commencement information		
Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Provisions	Commencement	Date/Details
1. The whole of this instrument	The day after this instrument is registered.	

Note: This table relates only to the provisions of this instrument as originally made. It will not be amended to deal with any later amendments of this instrument.

- (2) Any information in column 3 of the table is not part of this instrument. Information may be inserted in this column, or information in it may be edited, in any published version of this instrument.

3 Authority

This declaration is made under subsection 124X(1) of the *Health Insurance Act 1973*.

4 Cessation

This declaration will cease to be in force at the end of 5 years after the date on which it is signed.

5 Schedule

The quality assurance activity described in the Schedule to this Declaration is, to the extent that the quality assurance activity relates to health services provided in Australia, declared to be a quality assurance activity to which Part VC of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* applies.

Schedule 1— Description of quality assurance activity

1 Name of activity:

Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists – Peer Review Groups

2 Description of activity:

This declaration applies to the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists (RANZCP) Peer Review Groups (PRGs) activity. PRGs provide the opportunity for psychiatrists, psychologists and mental health nurses working in small, self-selected groups of peers to meet regularly to review and assess their practice and receive confidential feedback from other participants regarding the quality of their medical practice, to improve the quality of health services and patient outcomes.

The activity will be engaged in by RANZCP, which is the organisation responsible for training, educating and representing psychiatrists in Australia and New Zealand.

RANZCP collates de-identified information arising from surveys of PRGs showing trends in issues raised, recurring themes, the extent to which the activity informs changes to clinical practice. RANZCP will publicly report information presented at RANZCP meetings about recurrent themes identified in PRGs, as well as recommendations to inform changes to psychiatric clinical practice, and their effectiveness.

This declaration follows the previously declared activity QAA 1/2015. This declaration is likely to encourage a greater level of participation than the previously declared activity.