

DAA General Policy & Procedure Manual

Australian Dietetic Council

DIETETIC SKILLS RECOGNITION (DSR) EXAMINER POOL – OSCE

Terms of Reference

Dietetic Skills Recognition

DAA is the organisation within Australia responsible for the assessment and recognition of overseas-qualified dietitians. DAA undertakes this function within guidelines outlined by the Australian Government. DAA subcontracts the conducting and assessing of the OSCE exams to appropriately qualified Accredited Practising Dietitians.

The Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCE) are developed by DAA's Accreditation, Recognition and Journal Services unit and supplied to examiners as clinical scenarios including instructions for both examiners and DSR candidates.

Role

The Dietetic Skills Recognition (DSR) Examiners role is to conduct and assess the third stage in the DSR process: The Objective Structured Clinical Examinations.

Term

OSCE Examiners are appointed by DAA for a three (3) year term with the option to reapply for further terms.

Functions

- Conduct and/or assess the OSCE in Australia for overseas educated dietitians.
- Record candidates' results against a standardised marking grid.
- Provide feedback to DAA on processes where required.

Responsibility and Reporting

Universities contracted to provide examination services will be responsible to the Executive Manager, Accreditation, Recognition and Journal Services. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is in place with each university. The universities are obliged to ensure all examiners meet

the selection criteria outlined below and follow all examination processes as outlined in the MOU.

Selection Criteria

Universities are obligated to ensure examiners meet the following selection criteria as per the MOU.

- Must be an Accredited Practising Dietitian (APD)
- Currency in a role that requires assessment of students against National Competency Standards, either in an academic or medical nutrition therapy environment.
- Recency of practice in an academic or medical nutrition therapy environment.