

DA General Policy & Procedure Manual

**Australian Dietetic Council**

# **Dietetic Skills Recognition (DSR) Examiner Pool – OSCE**

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

### **Dietetic Skills Recognition**

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

The OSCE are developed by Dietitians Australia's Regulation unit and supplied to examiners as clinical scenarios including instructions for both examiners and DSR candidates.

### **Role**

The 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 Dietitians Australia 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/Return to practice applicants and those deemed necessary by the Dietitians Australia Board.
- Record candidates' results against a standardised marking grid.
- Provide feedback to Dietitians Australia on processes where required.

### **Responsibility and reporting**

Examiners contracted to provide examination services will be responsible to the General Manager Regulatory Services. An agreement is in place with each examiner. The examiners are obliged to ensure they meet the selection criteria outlined below and follow all examination processes as outlined in the agreement.

## **Selection criteria**

Examiners are obligated to meet the following selection criteria as per the MOU.

- Must be an Accredited Practising Dietitian.
- 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.
- Completed the OSCE training.