

DA General Policy & Procedure Manual

Australian Dietetic Council

Dietetic Skills Recognition (DSR) Examiner Pool – OSCE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Dietetic Skills Recognition

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

The Objective Structured Clinical Examinations (OSCE) are developed by DA's Regulation 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 DA 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 DA on processes where required.

Responsibility and Reporting

Universities contracted to provide examination services will be responsible to the General Manager Regulatory Services. An agreement 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 agreement.

Selection Criteria

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

- 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.