

Welcome to the Fellowship of IME College

Congratulations on taking the first step toward becoming a distinguished Fellow of IME College. We are honoured to welcome professionals like you who are dedicated to excellence, innovation, and leadership in their field.

Fellowship with IME College a prestigious recognition that reflects your commitment, expertise, and contributions to the industry.

By joining this esteemed community, you will gain access to exclusive opportunities for professional development, collaboration, and recognition among peers who share your passion for advancing the medicolegal field.

Applications for Fellowship are open for consideration in May annually, with successful applicants announced in July. With your consent, your achievement will be proudly published on our website and social media platforms, celebrating your dedication and professional accomplishments.

To be eligible for Fellowship with IME College, the following criteria must be met:

1. Membership Duration

Applicants must have maintained Ordinary membership with IME College for a minimum of two (2) years.

2. Medicolegal Professionals

2.1. **All Fellowship applicants** must provide a copy of their curriculum vitae, including full work history and qualifications.

2.2. **Medical Professionals:** Applicants must provide a valid *specialist* medical registration certificate issued by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) or the Medical Council of New Zealand (MCNZ). This certificate must confirm that applicants have no restrictions on applicants' ability to practise medicine in Australia or New Zealand. **"Specialist" medical registration** means the health practitioner must be a registered medical practitioner that has qualified as "Fellow" of relevant third-party medical college. For example, FRACP, FRACS, FRACGP, FRANZCP and so on.

2.3. **Legal Professionals:** Applicants must provide a valid legal registration certificate issued by the Law Council of Australia and relevant State legal professional body or the New Zealand Law Society. This certificate must confirm that applicants have no restrictions on applicants' ability to practise law in Australia or New Zealand.

2.4. **Allied Health and Nursing Professionals:** Applicants must provide a valid health professional registration certificate issued by the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) or the Nursing Council of New Zealand (NCNZ) or Health Practitioners Competence Assurance Act 2003 (HPCA Act) in New Zealand. This certificate must confirm that applicants have no restrictions on applicants' ability to practise healthcare in Australia or New Zealand.

3. Education Requirements

Applicants must have successfully completed the IME College Course in two Permanent Impairment (4th, 5th and or 6th Editions) and or the IME Fundamentals Course.

For example, Certificate in Permanent Impairment, 5th Edition and Certificate in IME Fundamentals; Certificate in Permanent Impairment, 4th Edition and Certificate in Permanent Impairment, 5th Edition.

4. Professional Experience

4.1. Medical professional applicants must have a minimum of three (3) years of regular professional practice as an

Independent Medical Examiner (IME).

4.2. Legal professional applicants must have a minimum of 5 years in medicolegal practice.

4.3. Other health professional applicants must have a minimum of 10 years in medicolegal practice.

4.4. Non-health and non-legal professionals must have a minimum of 10 years of continuous work in medicolegal industry experience.

5. Case Study Review Meetings

Applicants must have attended regular case study review meetings as part of ongoing professional development.

6. Medicolegal Report Submission

Applicants must provide two (2) redacted Permanent Impairment (PI) medicolegal reports for assessment. Applicants must be able to demonstrate quality report writing including permanent impairment application to clinical findings.

7. Professional Indemnity Insurance

Applicants must maintain relevant professional indemnity cover.

8. Legal and Financial Standing

Applicants must have no criminal history, no history of bankruptcy, and no record of fraudulent activity.

Application Process

- Fellowship applications open annually for a period of one (1) month in May.
- Applications must be submitted in full, including all supporting documentation, within this timeframe.
- Each application will be reviewed by the IME College Director, who will determine final approval.

Recognition of Fellowship

Upon successful approval, new Fellows will be:

- New Fellows of IME College are contacted in July.
- Listed on the IME College website (subject to consent).
- Permitted to advertise their Fellowship status, with post nominal FIMEC.
- Continual membership level of Fellow must be maintained to allow use of the post nominal, FIMEC.

Application for Fellowship will be open from 1 to 31 May, annually. Successful applicants will be announced in July, same year.

For further inquiries regarding the Fellowship process, please contact IME College at admin@imecollege.com.au

- ☐ Copy of CV
- ☐ Completed two IME College courses
- ☐ Relevant health or legal registration:
 - ☐ Medical Registration certificate; or
 - ☐ Legal registration certificate; or
 - ☐ Other registration; or
 - ☐ Letter of Recommendation (non-health or legal professional)
- ☐ Two redacted medicolegal permanent impairment reports (medical professionals)
- ☐ 50% attendance annually at case study review meetings conducted by IME College
- ☐ Maintained 2 years of Ordinary membership with IME College