**AGES –Training Supervisor suitability assessment matric**

AGES is a leader in credentialing and overseeing laparoscopic training in Australasia. To become an AGES Accredited Training Supervisor, applicants must be a recognised leader in laparoscopic surgical training. Not only must the supervisor regularly perform level V-VI laparoscopic surgery at the highest standard but they need to be leaders in the field of education, training and research in line with the AGES curriculum. The AGES Accredited Training Program (AATP) is designed to give a trainee all the tools required to be an AGES Training Supervisor but as with all areas of medicine ongoing professional development is required to maintain those skills. Likewise, it is possible for practitioners outside the AATP to have acquired the skills necessary to be an AGES Training Supervisor. In line with its objectives to foster the growth of laparoscopic surgical training and teaching, AGES can accredit fellows who meet the equivalent standard of training as that achieved in the AATP, as training supervisors.

Applications to be an AGES Accredited Training Supervisor

Applicants (with the exception of those fellows who have completed the AATP <5 years ago) must have completed at least 10 post fellowship years.

Applicants who have completed the AATP and have worked less than 6 years as a fellow will be deemed suitable to be an AGES accredited training supervisor.

The following rubric should be used for all fellows applying to be a training supervisor who are more than 5 years post fellowship.

Overseas trained specialist (OTS) must be at least 10 years post fellowship. OTS applicant who have arrived in the country less than 5 years ago can use experience or training from equivalent courses or institutions overseas. These specialist (i.e. more than 10 years post fellowship experience, but less than 5 years of work within Australia) using an overseas reference must have an AGES board recognised laparoscopic surgeon (e.g. previous speaker at an AGES conference) as at least one of their referees.

**Supervisor:**

**Unit:**

**Please highlight the section that applies to you and then comment in the right-hand column.**

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|  | **Accepted standard**  (Must meet at least 6 of the criteria below) | **Minimum standard** (Must meet at least 4 out of 5 criteria) | **Standard not met** (must not meet more than one criteria) | **Comments by applying Supervisor** |
| **Experience**  (Accepted standard must be met) | Has complete the AATP or is at least 10 years post fellowship |  |  |  |
| **Recognised Level V-VI surgeon**  (Accepted standard must be met) | Completed the AATP  **or**  Has provided letters from 2 independent AGES training supervisors stating equivalence  **or**  has completed independent APS for two procedures as per the AATP **and h**as evidence of current credentialing as a level V-VI laparoscopic surgery |  |  |  |
| **Evidence of currency of practice**  (Accepted standard must be met) | Log book of last 12 months of cases for all applicants except AGES fellows within 5 years of completing training |  |  |  |
|  | Has attended or taught at least 2 laparoscopic workshops in the last 5 years and has attended the ACW laparoscopic workshop at least once | Has attended at least one laparoscopic workshop in the last 5 years and has attended the ACW laparoscopic workshop at least once | Has not attended laparoscopic workshop in the last 5 years or has not attended the ACW laparoscopic workshop at least once |  |
| **Evidence of teaching** | Is working and supervising trainees in a unit with AGES trainees | Is an accredited RANZCOG training supervisor | Teaches registrars as part of hospital commitments |  |
| **Commitment to AGES** | AGES board or subcommittee member | Regularly attends AGES meetings | Only occasional attends AGES meetings |  |
| Regular presentations at AGES meeting (includes papers presented by their trainee) | At least one presentation at an AGES meeting with in 2 years (includes papers presented by their trainee) | Only occasional presentation at meetings |  |
| **Research** | Regularly publishes in relevant articles | Occasionally published as a fellow in relevant articles | Never published as a fellow in relevant articles |  |