

The New ITA: A Good Start?

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ANZCA Council has approved the introduction of new In Training Assessment (ITA) forms.

A major development with the new ITA form is the alignment of the content with the new curriculum; however a number of other changes have been made.

The new ITA form is designed to facilitate the actual process of In Training Assessment by providing a record of what is discussed in interviews between Supervisors of Training (SoT) and Trainees at the commencement and end of a term.

The information currently collected via the Approved Vocational Training (AVT) form is now present in the ITA form. This will allow the AVT to be discontinued once the introduction of the new ITA forms is complete. In addition, online submission of the ITA form is planned for the near future. These changes will streamline data collection for ANZCA, while providing a welcome decrease in paperwork for both Trainees and SoT's.

In order to allow for the continuance of the current ITA data collection process, a 'short form' of the ITA form, the ITA-SF, has been developed. The ITA-SF can be used to facilitate collection of comments and ratings from supervising consultants in the same way as the old ITA-1 form.

The ITA form is designed to act as a summary assessment, with the flexibility to incorporate assessment data produced in various ways. While currently this will predominantly be collation of data generated using the ITA-SF, in the future it is envisaged that other tools, such as MiniCEX and Multi-source Feedback, will be used.

The new forms will be presented at the meeting, together with results from the evaluation of their initial limited introduction.