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specialist pathway data

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1 Introduction

The specialist pathway is for international medical graduates (IMGs) who are overseas-trained specialists seeking specialist registration in Australia (specialist recognition) or who are applying for an area of need specialist level position in Australia.

The Medical Board of Australia (the Board) has developed guidance for the specialist medical colleges on the current specialist pathway assessment process. The *Good practice guidelines for the specialist international medical graduate assessment process* aim to support specialist medical colleges in their role of assessing specialist international medical graduates. The guidelines were in effect from 2 November 2015 to 31 December 2020.

Following a review, the Board's *Good practice guidelines* have been replaced by the *Standards for specialist medical college assessment of specialist international medical graduates*. The *Standards* came into effect on 1 January 2021 and all IMGs who apply for the specialist pathway from this date will be assessed against the new *Standards*.

More information about the specialist pathway and the *Good practice guidelines* and the *Standards* are available on the [Board's website](#).

1.1 Reporting requirements

Reporting is annual by calendar year. This report covers the period 1 January – 31 December 2020.

Previous reports are available at: www.medicalboard.gov.au/Registration/International-Medical-Graduates/Specialist-Pathway/Guides-and-reports

All colleges report against the same metrics. The data requested for 2020 includes:

- number and type of applications received in 2020 (application for specialist recognition, area of need or combined (specialist recognition and area of need))
- applicant's (IMG) country of training (for applications received in 2020)
- number of applications received which were incomplete on first submission
- number of applications withdrawn by the applicant (IMG)
- outcome of college's interim comparability assessment (i.e. IMG found to be not comparable, partially comparable or substantially comparable)
- outcome of college's area of need assessment (i.e. IMG found to be suitable or not suitable for the area of need position)

- outcome of final assessment for specialist recognition (i.e. IMG recommended for specialist recognition or not recommended for specialist recognition)
- time from interim assessment to final assessment (from the date of decision of interim assessment, to the date the decision of final assessment is made by college)
- total time on the specialist pathway (from the date that a complete application is received, to the date of final assessment decision (i.e. recommended/not recommended for specialist recognition)). This is a new metric
- number of fellowships awarded to IMGs on the specialist pathway
- number of appeals of college decision by IMGs.

1.2 Benchmarks

Since 2016, colleges also report against a number of performance benchmarks. These include:

Metric	Benchmark
Time to first available assessment interview for interim assessment <i>From the date a complete application is received to the date of first available interview that is offered.</i>	Interview available within 3 months
Time from interview to interim assessment decision <i>From the date the IMG attends interview to the date the decision of interim assessment is made by college.</i>	Interim assessment completed within 14 days after interview
Time for specialist recognition interim assessment <i>From the date a complete application is received to the date the decision of interim assessment is made by college.</i>	Interim assessment completed within three months and 14 days
Time for area of need assessment <i>From the date a complete application is received to the date the decision of suitability for area of need position is made by college. Excludes combined assessments.</i>	Area of need assessment completed within two months

Time for specialist recognition final assessment decision <i>From the date the IMG notifies the college that they have completed the requirements to the date the decision of final assessment is made by college.</i>	Decision on final assessment completed within two months
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1.3 Compliance measures

Colleges also reported against a set of compliance measures to confirm compliance with the *Good practice guidelines*. These include:

Metric	Compliance measure
Period of practice required by the college for substantially comparable IMGs	Up to 12 months FTE peer review
Period of practice required by the college for partially comparable IMGs	Up to 24 months FTE supervised practice
Requirement for substantially comparable IMGs to complete an examination	Only partially comparable IMGs may be required to complete an examination
Maximum timeframes for completing college requirements for substantially comparable IMGs	Up to two years to complete up to 12 months FTE peer review
Maximum timeframes for completing college requirements for partially comparable IMGs	Up to four years to complete 24 months FTE supervised practice

1.4 How to interpret the data

The specialist college data report is a report of all college 'activities' during the period and reflects point in time reporting as IMGs are unlikely to complete all the processes within one reporting period. Therefore, denominators are unable to be defined and percentages cannot be calculated. A college may have more assessment outcomes than applications received for the period.

Delays can occur during the assessment process which are outside the control of the college, for example, an IMG may choose to defer their interview.

The data have been collated and summarised in graphs and tables.

Data are reported as provided by the colleges. Source data are not checked by Ahpra.

2 Highlights of the 2020 report

2.1 Effect of COVID-19

The year 2020 was disrupted by a global pandemic caused by COVID-19. The data from colleges shows that COVID-19 had a significant effect on some colleges' specialist pathway processes and the IMGs that they assess.

The data appear to suggest that COVID-19 affected the number of IMGs applying for the specialist pathway. Compared with previous years, some colleges had significantly fewer applicants. However, some colleges experienced similar numbers or an increase.

The data shows that some colleges experienced significant disruption to their specialist pathway assessment processes. Assessing applications took significantly longer at some colleges in 2020. Some colleges reported that fewer IMGs were able to receive their interim assessment outcome, predominantly due to delays in running interviews. Some colleges had fewer IMGs able to finish the specialist pathway, predominantly due to cancelled exams and delayed assessments.

2.2 Data highlights

- IMGs have gained their specialist qualifications in a range of countries with highest numbers of applications from United Kingdom, India and South Africa.
- The colleges with the highest number of applications in the twelve-month period were the Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) (149 applications) and the Royal Australasian College of Surgeons (RACS) (89 applications).
- The colleges with the lowest number of applications in the twelve-month period were the Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons (RACDS) (zero applications) and the Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators (RACMA) (one application) and the Australasian College of Sport and Exercise Physicians (one application).
- Across all colleges, 78 per cent of IMGs from the UK and Ireland were assessed as substantially comparable.
- Across all colleges, 98 per cent of IMGs from the UK and Ireland who were assessed as partially comparable or substantially comparable fulfilled the college requirements and were recommended for specialist recognition.
- The majority of applicants for the specialist pathway - area of need were found suitable for the position.

- The majority of requests for review/reconsideration and appeals relate to the interim assessment of comparability (i.e. IMG appealing assessment outcome 'not comparable' or 'partially comparable').

2.3 Performance benchmark highlights

- Across all colleges, 64 per cent of IMGs were offered an interview within the benchmark timeframe (three months from submission of a complete application).
- The time taken from the interview to the interim assessment decision varies with some colleges meeting the benchmark for all their IMGs and other colleges outside the benchmark for all their IMGs. For those colleges who don't meet the benchmark for any of their IMGs, the reason this was not met is because of the approval processes required within the college before the decision is confirmed.
- The time for interim assessment was within the benchmark timeframe for 59 per cent of IMGs (three months and 14 days). For those outside the benchmark, it may have been because the IMG chose to delay the interview, or there were delays due to college internal processes.
- Of the three colleges who assessed area of need only applications (excluding combined assessments), all the IMGs received their area of need assessment within the benchmark (two months).
- Across all colleges, all but one IMG received the outcome of their final assessment (recommended or not recommended for specialist recognition) within two months of completing their requirements.

2.4 Compliance highlights

- All colleges met the compliance measures for the period of peer review required for substantially comparable IMGs and for the period of supervised practice required for partially comparable IMGs.
- No colleges required their substantially comparable IMGs to complete a formal examination, thereby meeting the compliance measure.
- The majority of IMGs are completing the pathway process within the maximum timeframes set by the Board.

2.5 Total time on the pathway

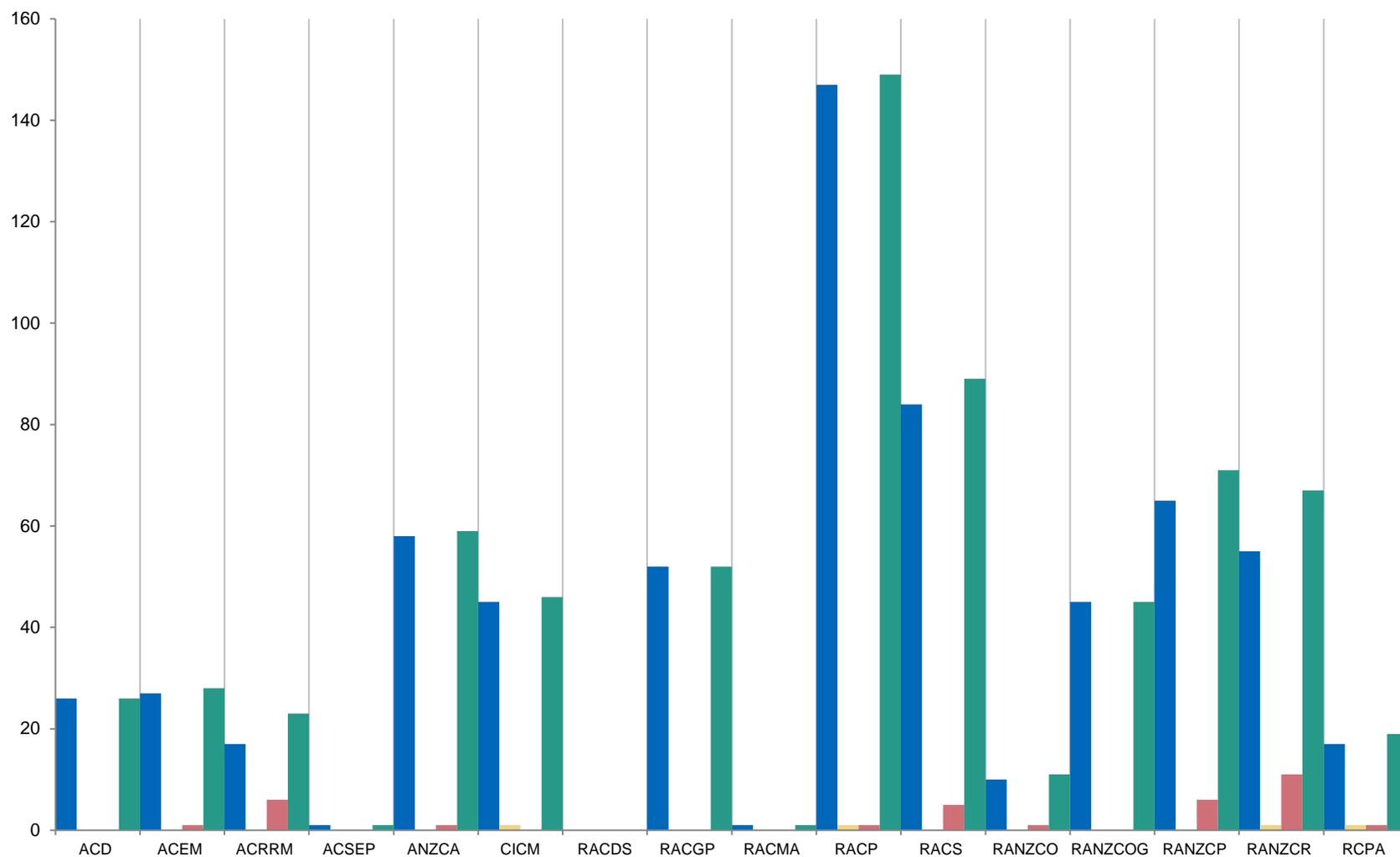
- A new metric introduced in 2020 reports the total time that each IMG was on the specialist pathway, from application to recommendation for specialist recognition.

- Time on the pathway is the result of many factors. Some relate to college processes, such as a prolonged interim assessment. Others relate to factors controlled by the applicant such as the IMG postponing their assessment interview, the IMG having difficulty securing a position and IMG performance issues including failing exams.
- For substantially comparable IMGs (who complete up to 12 months peer review), the total time on the pathway ranged from 'less than one year' to 'six to eight years' with 68 per cent taking less than two years.
- For partially comparable IMGs (who complete up to 24 months supervised practice), the total time on the pathway ranged from 'less than one year' to 'more than eight years' with 65 per cent taking less than four years.

3 List of college abbreviations

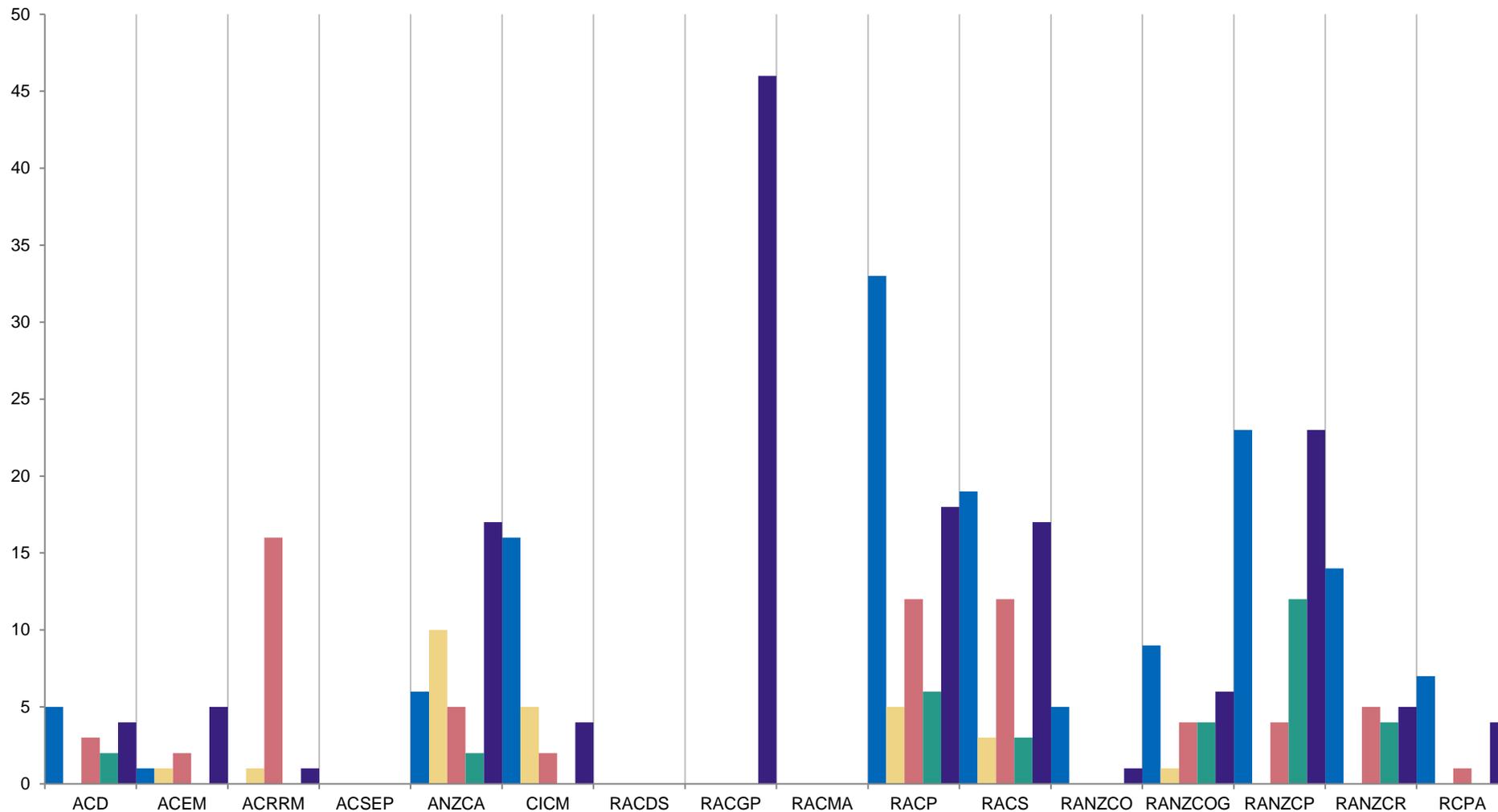
ACD	Australasian College of Dermatologists
ACEM	Australasian College for Emergency Medicine
ACSEP	Australasian College of Sport and Exercise Physicians
ANZCA	Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists
ACRRM	Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine
CICM	College of Intensive Care Medicine of Australia and New Zealand
RACDS	Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons
RACS	Royal Australasian College of Surgeons
RACGP	The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
RACMA	The Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators
RACP	The Royal Australasian College of Physicians
RANZCP	The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists
RANZCOG	The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
RANZCO	The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists
RANZCR	The Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists
RCPA	The Royal College of Pathologists of Australasia

4.1 Applications: Number of applications received



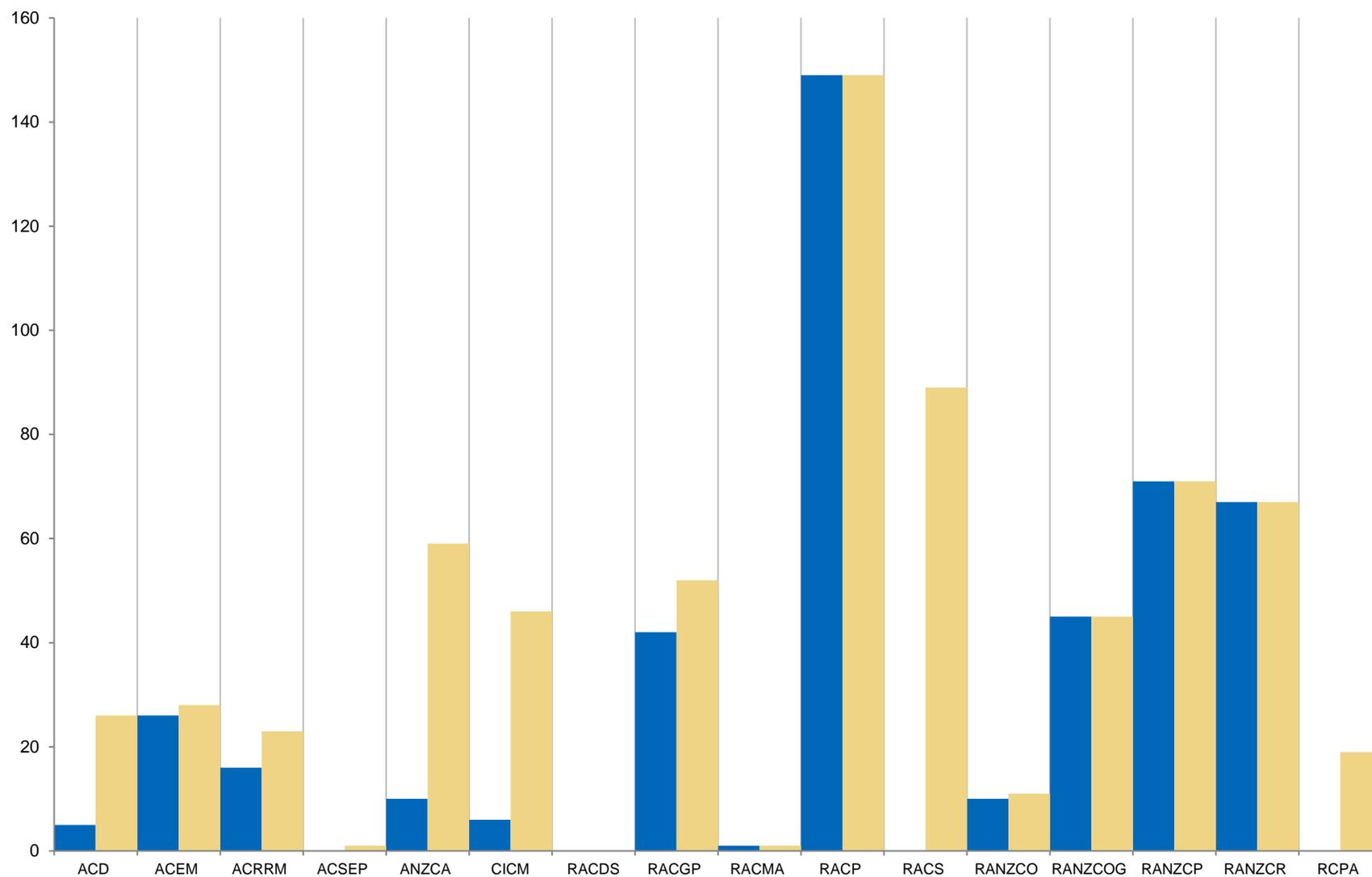
	ACD	ACEM	ACRRM	ACSEP	ANZCA	CICM	RACDS	RACGP	RACMA	RACP	RACS	RANZCO	RANZCOG	RANZCP	RANZCR	RCPA
Specialist recognition	26	27	17	1	58	45	0	52	1	147	84	10	45	65	55	17
Area of need	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	1
Specialist recognition and area of need	0	1	6	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	5	1	0	6	11	1
Total number of applications received	26	28	23	1	59	46	0	52	1	149	89	11	45	71	67	19

4.2 Applications: Top five countries by number of applications received



	India	Ireland	South Africa	Sri Lanka	United Kingdom
ACD	5	0	3	2	4
ACEM	1	1	2	0	5
ACRRM	0	1	16	0	1
ACSEP	0	0	0	0	0
ANZCA	6	10	5	2	17
CICM	16	5	2	0	4
RACDS	0	0	0	0	0
RACGP	0	0	0	0	46
RACMA	0	0	0	0	0
RACP	33	5	12	6	18
RACS	19	3	12	3	17
RANZCO	5	0	0	0	1
RANZCOG	9	1	4	4	6
RANZCP	23	0	4	12	23
RANZCR	14	0	5	4	5
RCPA	7	0	1	0	4

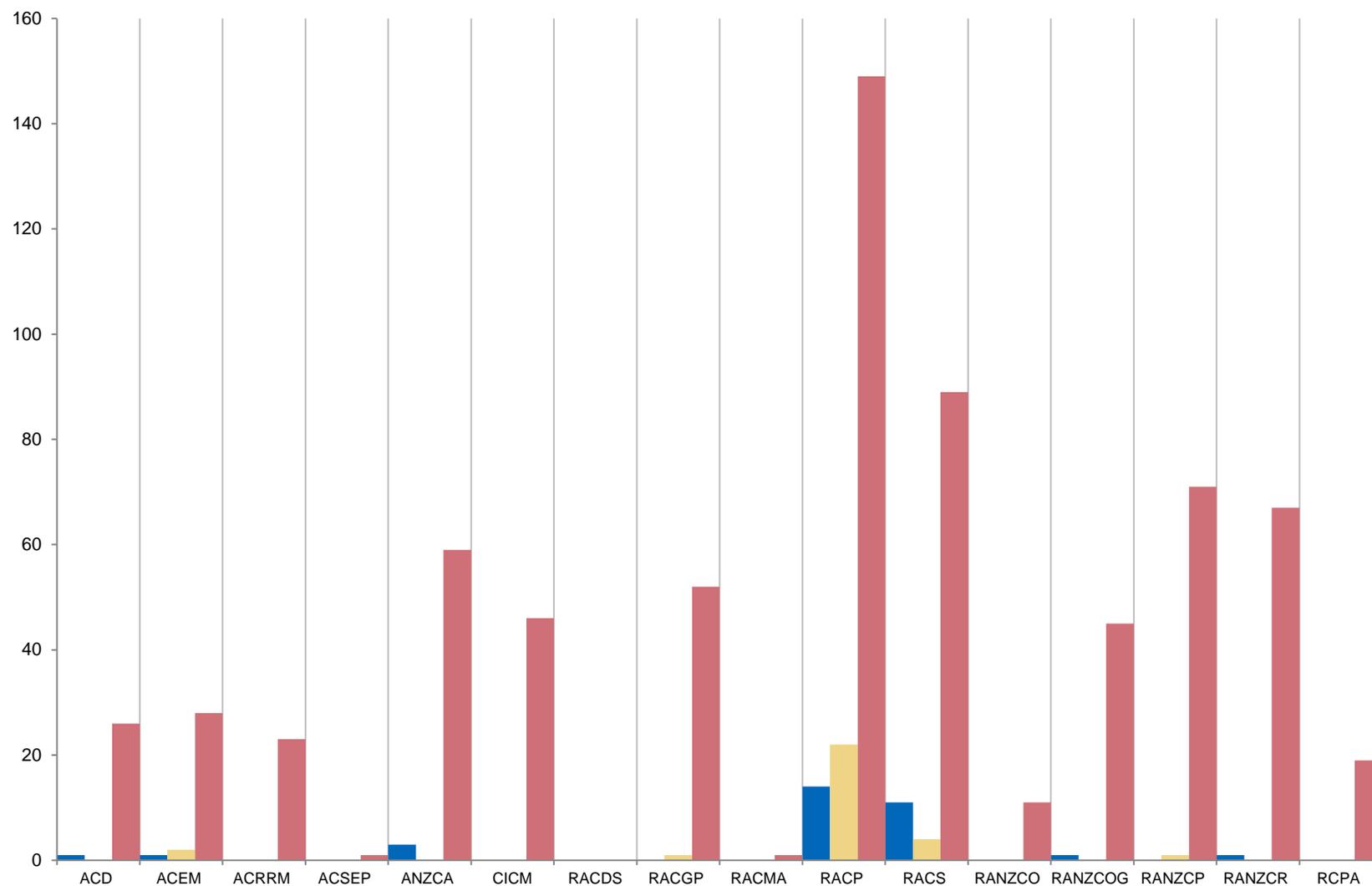
4.3 Applications: Number of applications incomplete on first submission



Incomplete on first submission	5	26	16	0	10	6	0	42	1	149	0	10	45	71	67	0
Total number of applications received	26	28	23	1	59	46	0	52	1	149	89	11	45	71	67	19

Note: Some colleges require documentation from a third party for applications to be complete.

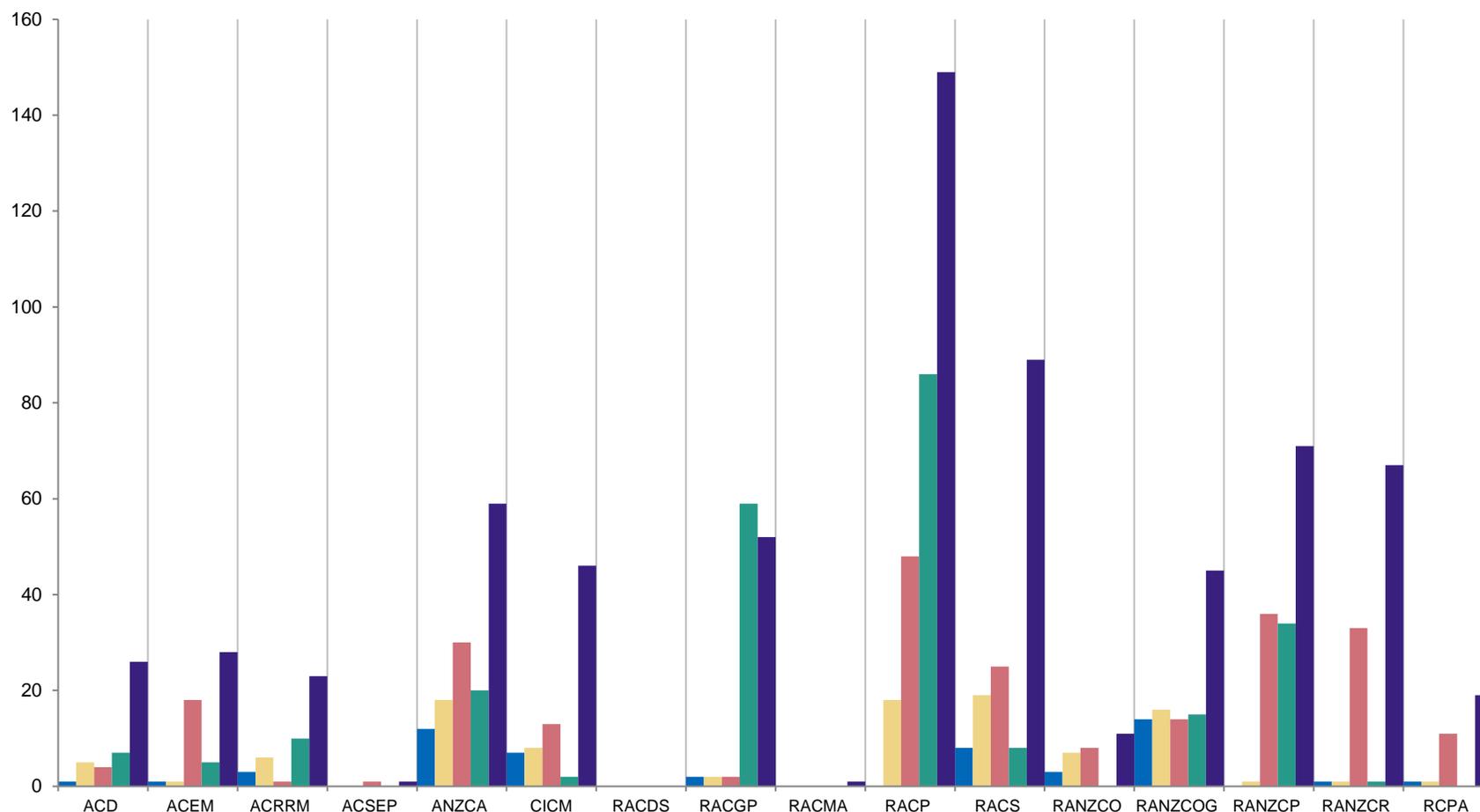
4.4 Applications: Number of applications withdrawn by the IMG



	ACD	ACEM	ACRRM	ACSEP	ANZCA	CIM	RACDS	RACGP	RACMA	RACP	RACS	RANZCO	RANZCOG	RANZCP	RANZCR	RCPA
Total withdrawn before interim assessment	1	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	14	11	0	1	0	1	0
Total withdrawn between interim and final assessment	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	22	4	0	0	1	0	0
Total number of applications received	26	28	23	1	59	46	0	52	1	149	89	11	45	71	67	19

Note: Some withdrawals relate to applications received before 2020.

5.1 Specialist recognition outcomes: Outcome of interim assessment



	ACD	ACEM	ACRRM	ACSEP	ANZCA	CICM	RACDS	RACGP	RACMA	RACP	RACS	RANZCO	RANZCOG	RANZCP	RANZCR	RCPA
Initial paper-based review – not comparable	1	1	3	0	12	7	0	2	0	0	8	3	14	0	1	1
Not comparable (includes paper-based not comparable)	5	1	6	0	18	8	0	2	0	18	19	7	16	1	1	1
Partially comparable	4	18	1	1	30	13	0	2	0	48	25	8	14	36	33	11
Substantially comparable	7	5	10	0	20	2	0	59	0	86	8	0	15	34	1	0
Total number of applications received	26	28	23	1	59	46	0	52	1	149	89	11	45	71	67	19

Note: Some colleges allow IMGs who were not comparable after a paper-based assessment to opt for interview. Outcomes of assessment may not total 'Total number of applications received' as some assessments were still in progress.

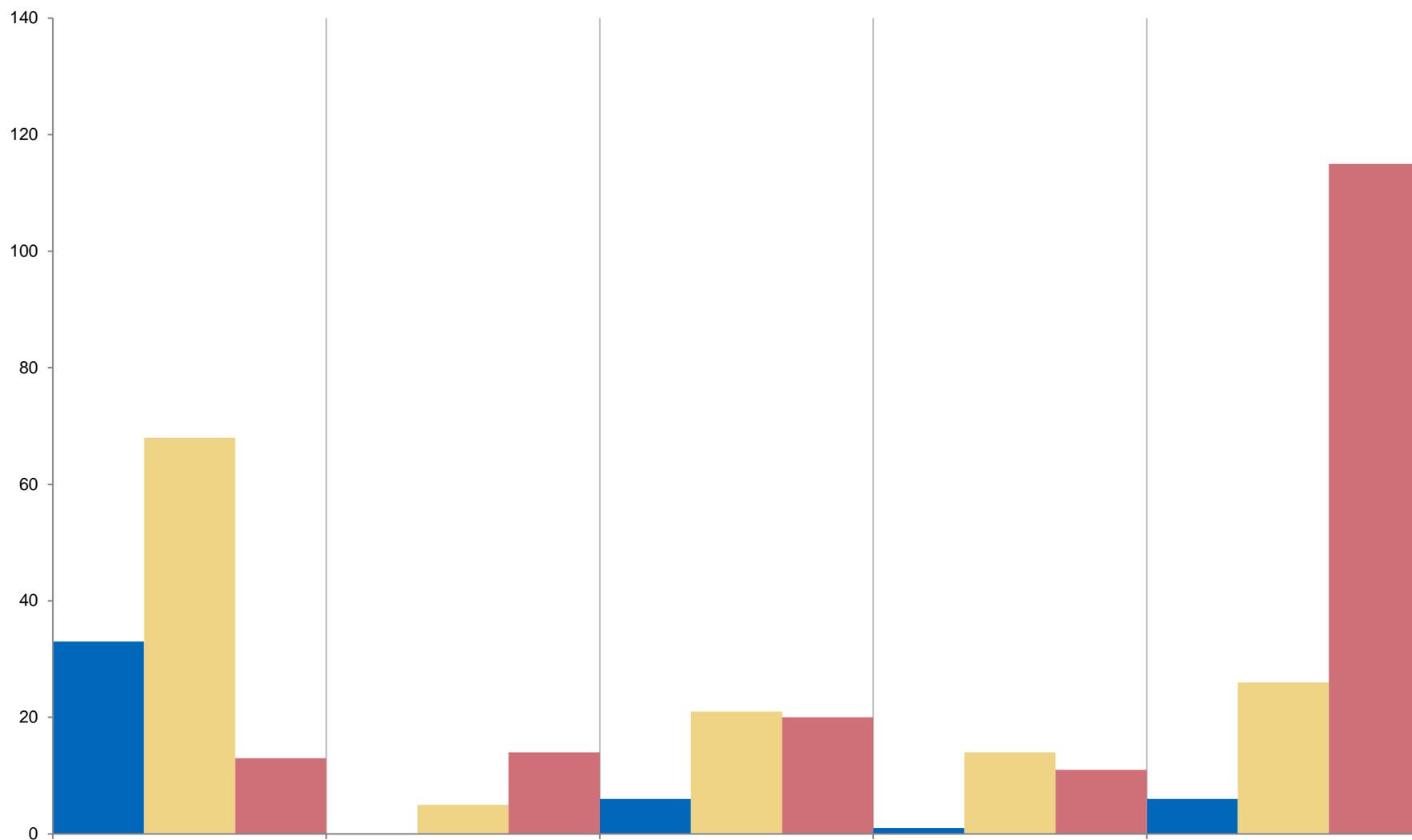
5.1.1 Specialist recognition outcomes: Outcome of interim assessment: By country of highest specialist qualification – all colleges

Country	Not comparable	Partially comparable	Substantially comparable
Argentina	1	1	1
Austria	0	1	0
Bangladesh	0	2	0
Belgium	0	2	2
Brazil	5	6	4
Brunei	0	1	0
Canada	0	4	7
Chile	0	1	1
Colombia	0	1	0
Croatia	0	1	0
Denmark	0	2	1
Egypt	2	9	5
France	0	1	0
Germany	2	0	0
Greece	1	0	0
Hong Kong	1	7	12
Hungary	1	0	0
India	33	68	13
Iran	8	9	6

Country	Not comparable	Partially comparable	Substantially comparable
Iraq	1	0	1
Ireland	0	5	14
Israel	0	6	1
Italy	0	3	1
Japan	3	1	1
Jordan	1	3	0
Kenya	1	1	0
Lebanon	2	0	1
Libya	1	0	0
Lithuania	0	0	1
Malaysia	0	7	2
Mauritius	1	0	0
Nepal	0	1	1
Netherlands	1	4	2
New Zealand	0	0	4
Nigeria	2	4	1
Norway	0	0	1
Pakistan	7	4	3
Philippines	2	4	1

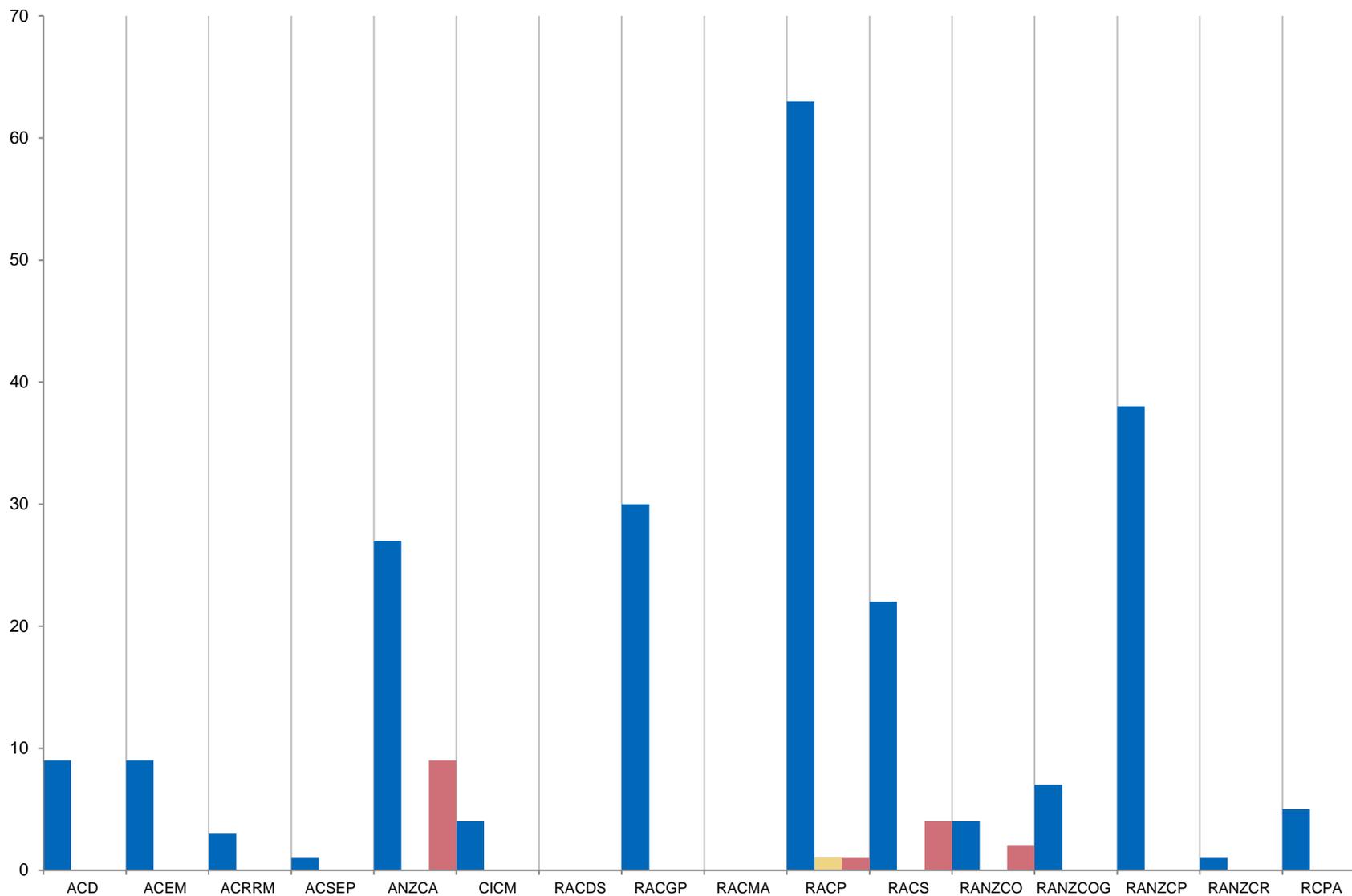
Country	Not comparable	Partially comparable	Substantially comparable
Poland	0	2	0
Qatar	0	4	0
Saudi Arabia	0	2	0
Singapore	1	1	3
South Africa	6	21	20
South Korea	0	1	1
Spain	2	1	3
Sri Lanka	1	14	11
Sudan	0	1	0
Sweden	2	1	0
Switzerland	0	1	0
Syria	1	2	3
Taiwan	0	1	0
Turkey	2	3	1
United Arab Emirates	0	4	1
United Kingdom	6	26	115
United States of America	5	4	2
Zimbabwe	1	2	0

5.1.2 Specialist recognition outcomes: Outcome of interim assessment: Top five countries by number of applications



	India	Ireland	South Africa	Sri Lanka	United Kingdom
Not comparable	33	0	6	1	6
Partially comparable	68	5	21	14	26
Substantially comparable	13	14	20	11	115

5.2 Specialist recognition outcomes: Outcome of final assessment



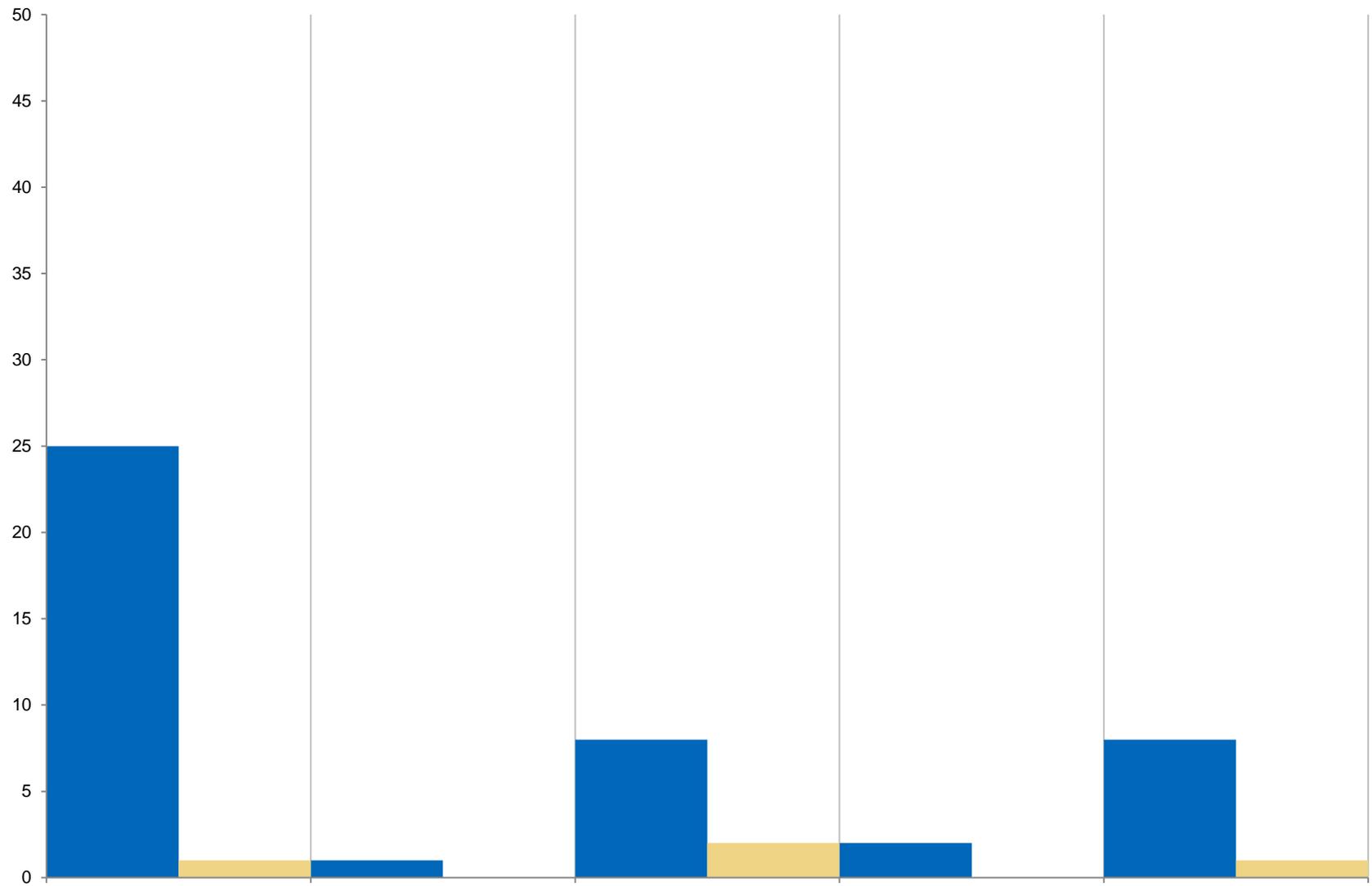
	ACD	ACEM	ACRRM	ACSEP	ANZCA	CIM	RACDS	RACGP	RACMA	RACP	RACS	RANZCO	RANZCOG	RANZCP	RANZCR	RCPA
Recommended for specialist recognition (full scope)	9	9	3	1	27	4	0	30	0	63	22	4	7	38	1	5
Recommended for specialist recognition (limited scope)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Not recommended for specialist recognition	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	0	1	4	2	0	0	0	0

5.2.1. Specialist recognition outcomes: Outcome of final assessment: By country of highest specialist qualification – all colleges

Country	Partially comparable		Substantially comparable	
	Recommended	Not recommended	Recommended	Not recommended
Austria	0	0	1	0
Belgium	0	0	1	0
Brazil	3	1	2	0
Canada	2	0	4	0
China	0	0	1	0
Colombia	1	0	0	0
Denmark	1	0	0	0
Egypt	0	1	1	0
France	0	1	1	0
Germany	2	1	0	0
Greece	0	0	1	0
Hong Kong	0	0	5	0
India	25	1	9	0
Iran	1	1	2	0
Ireland	1	0	9	0
Israel	0	0	1	0
Italy	1	0	0	0
Japan	1	2	0	0
Jordan	0	0	1	0

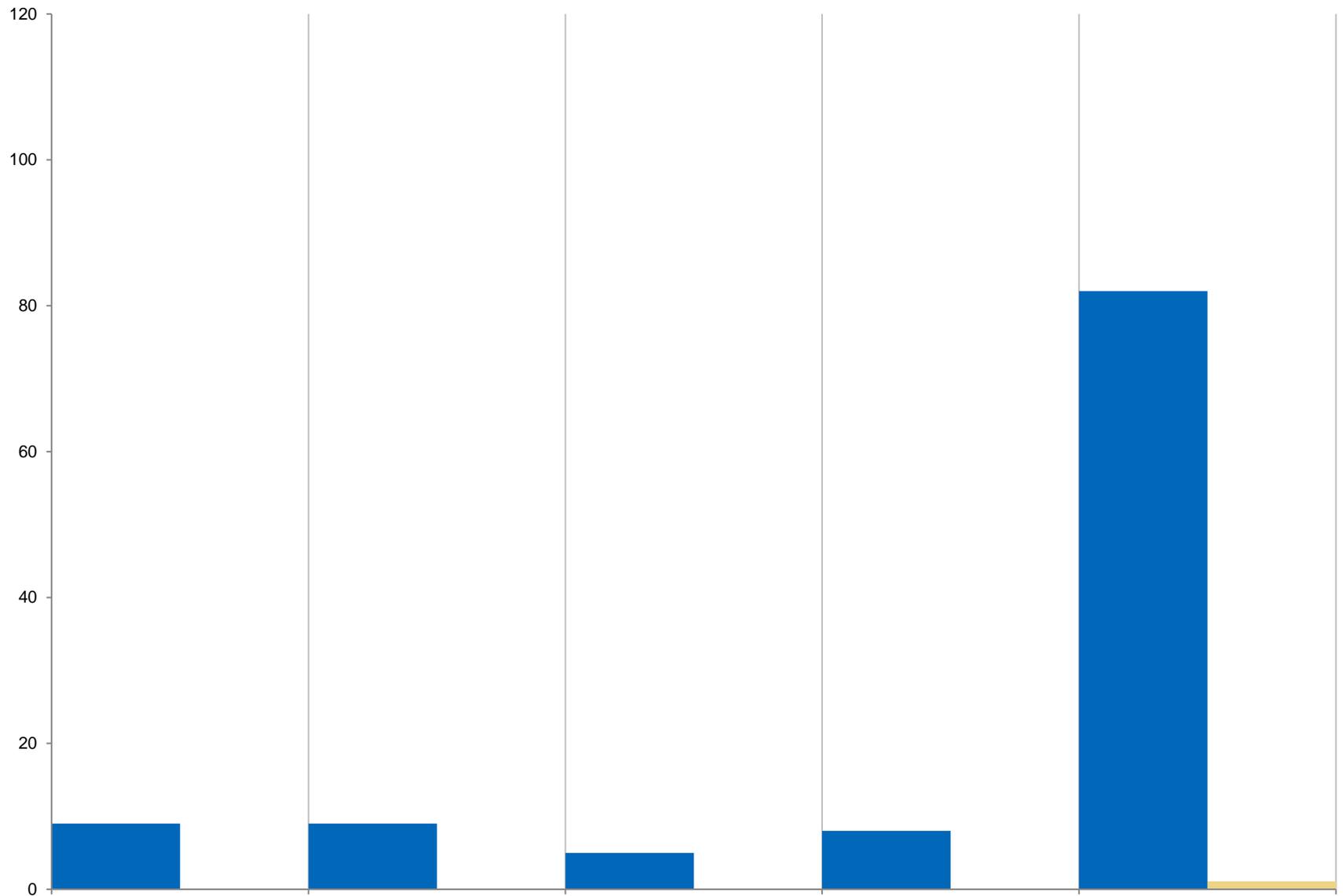
Country	Partially comparable		Substantially comparable	
	Recommended	Not recommended	Recommended	Not recommended
Malaysia	3	0	2	0
Mexico	1	0	1	0
Netherlands	5	0	0	0
New Zealand	0	0	3	0
Pakistan	3	0	1	0
Philippines	0	0	1	0
Poland	0	1	0	0
Romania	1	1	0	0
Singapore	0	0	3	0
Slovakia	0	0	4	0
South Africa	8	2	5	0
South Korea	0	0	1	0
Spain	1	0	2	0
Sri Lanka	2	0	8	0
Syria	0	0	1	0
United Kingdom	8	1	82	1
United States of America	2	1	6	1
Yugoslavia	1	0	0	0

5.2.2 Specialist recognition outcomes: Outcome of final assessment: Top five countries by number of final assessments – interim assessment – partially comparable



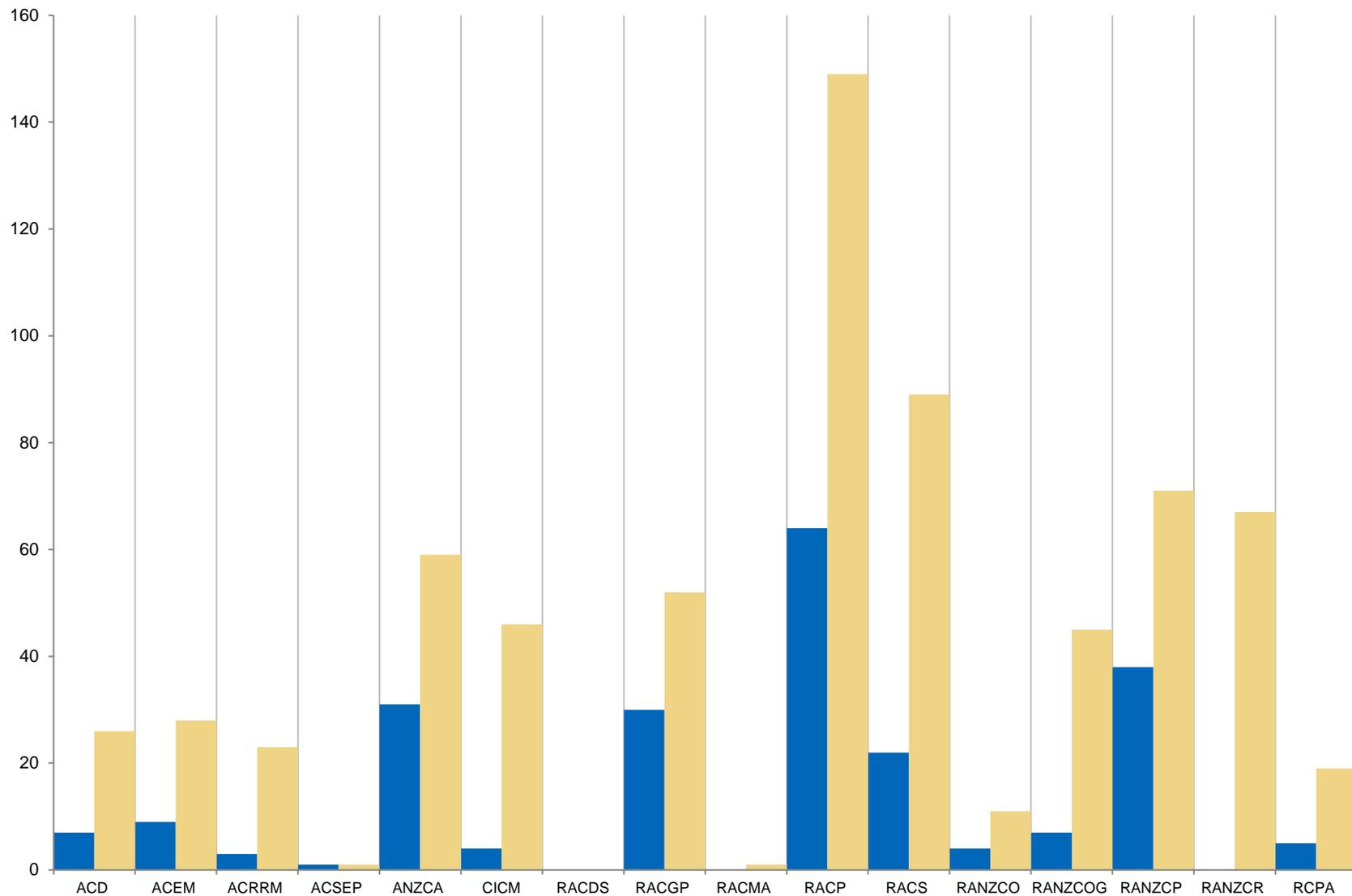
	India	Ireland	South Africa	Sri Lanka	United Kingdom
Recommended for specialist	25	1	8	2	8
Not recommended for specialist	1	0	2	0	1

5.2.3 Specialist recognition outcomes: Outcome of final assessment: Top five countries by number of final assessments – interim assessment – substantially comparable



	India	Ireland	South Africa	Sri Lanka	United Kingdom
Recommended for specialist	9	9	5	8	82
Not recommended for specialist	0	0	0	0	1

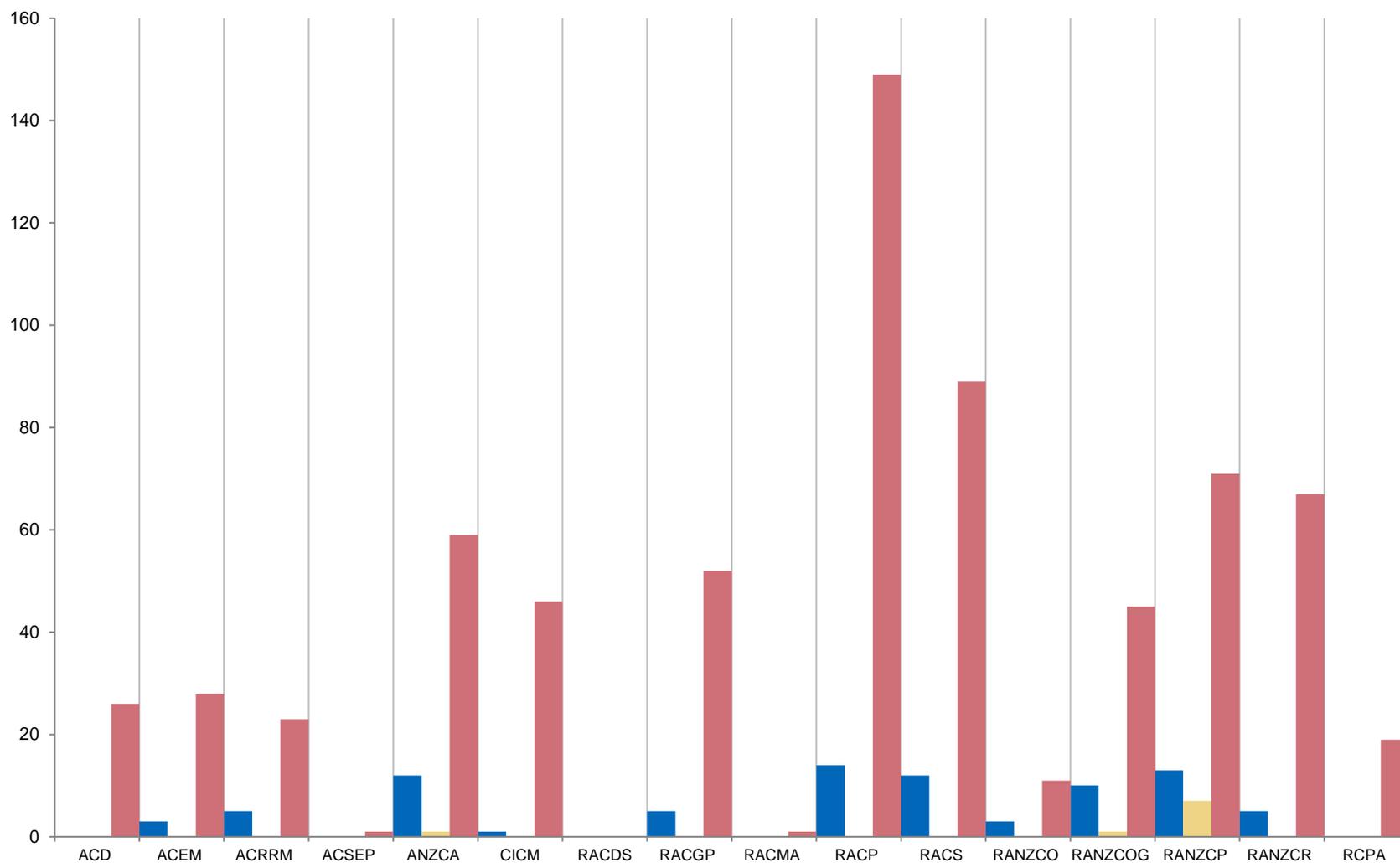
5.3 Specialist recognition outcomes: Number of fellowships awarded to IMGs



Number of fellowships awarded to IMGs	7	9	3	1	31	4	0	30	0	64	22	4	7	38	0	5
Total number of applications received	26	28	23	1	59	46	0	52	1	149	89	11	45	71	67	19

Note: The number of applications is provided as an indication of application volume; data includes IMGs who applied before 2020 and does not include IMGs who applied in 2020 period and are still in progress.

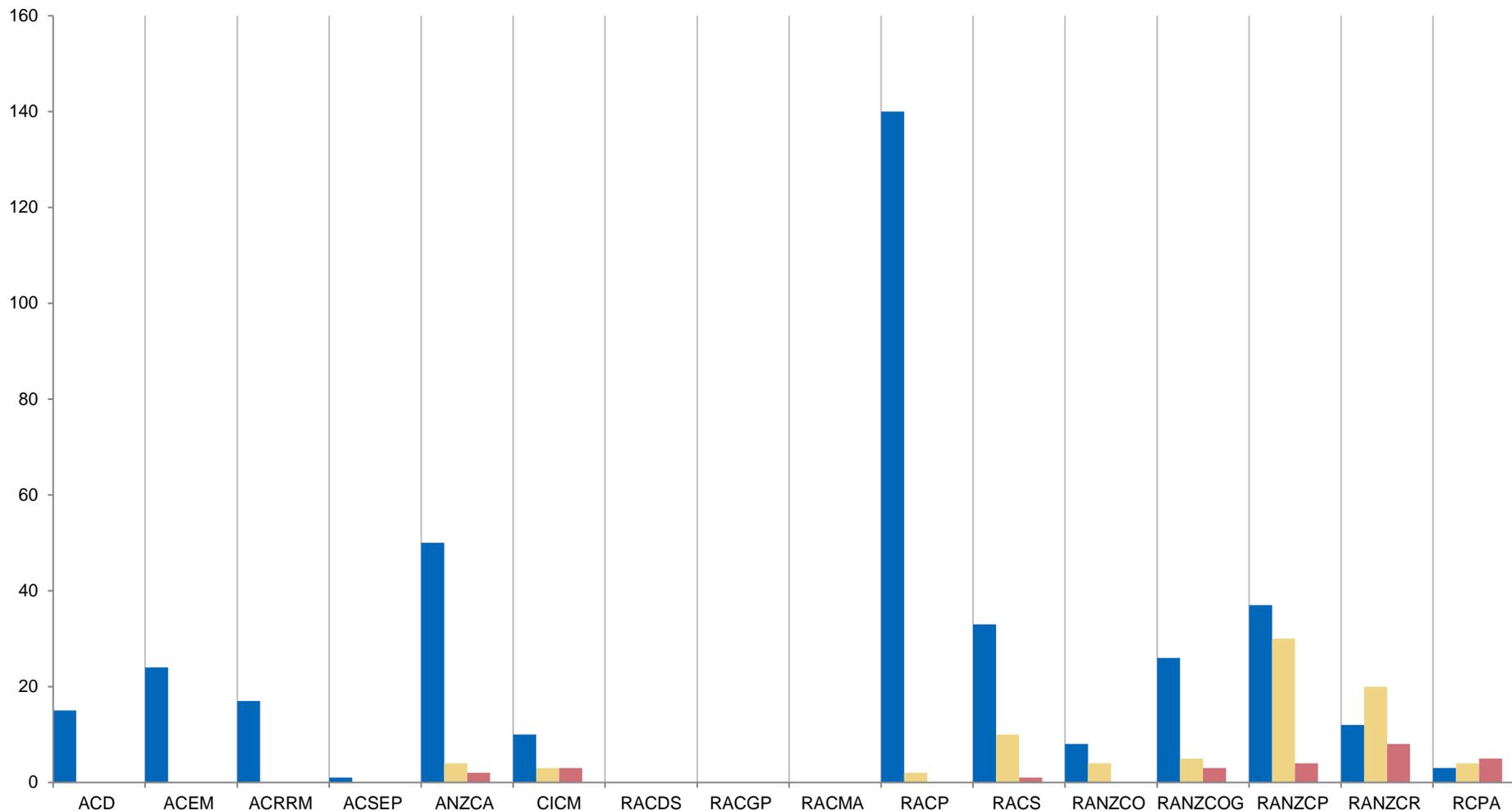
5.4 Specialist recognition outcomes: Number of reviews/reconsiderations and appeals of college decision requested by IMGs



	ACD	ACEM	ACRRM	ACSEP	ANZCA	CICM	RACDS	RACGP	RACMA	RACP	RACS	RANZCO	RANZCOG	RANZCP	RANZCR	RCPA
Total reviews / reconsiderations	0	3	5	0	12	1	0	5	0	14	12	3	10	13	5	0
Total appeals	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	0	0
Total number of applications received	26	28	23	1	59	46	0	52	1	149	89	11	45	71	67	19

Note: Colleges have different appeals process and classification of 'reviews/reconsideration and appeals' vary. The number of applications is provided as an indication of volume, appeals may relate to IMGs who applied in 2020 or before 2020.

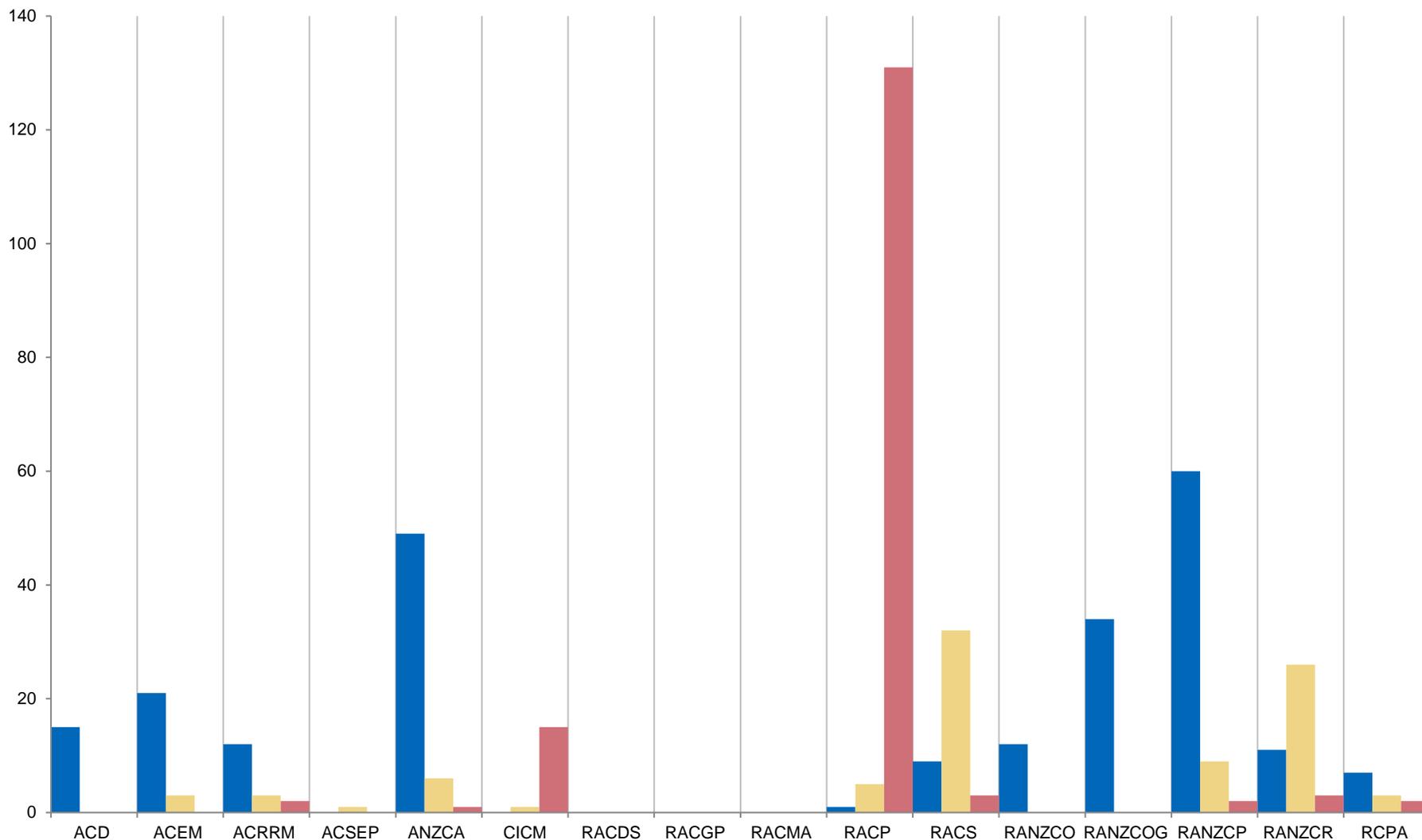
6.1.1 Specialist recognition timeframes and requirements: Interim assessment: Time to first available interview



	ACD	ACEM	ACRRM	ACSEP	ANZCA	CICM	RACDS	RACGP	RACMA	RACP	RACS	RANZCO	RANZCOG	RANZCP	RANZCR	RCPA
0 – 3 months	15	24	17	1	50	10	0	0	0	140	33	8	26	37	12	3
> 3 – 6 months	0	0	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	2	10	4	5	30	20	4
> 6 – 9 months	0	0	0	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	4	8	5
> 9 months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: RACGP do not interview to assess comparability.

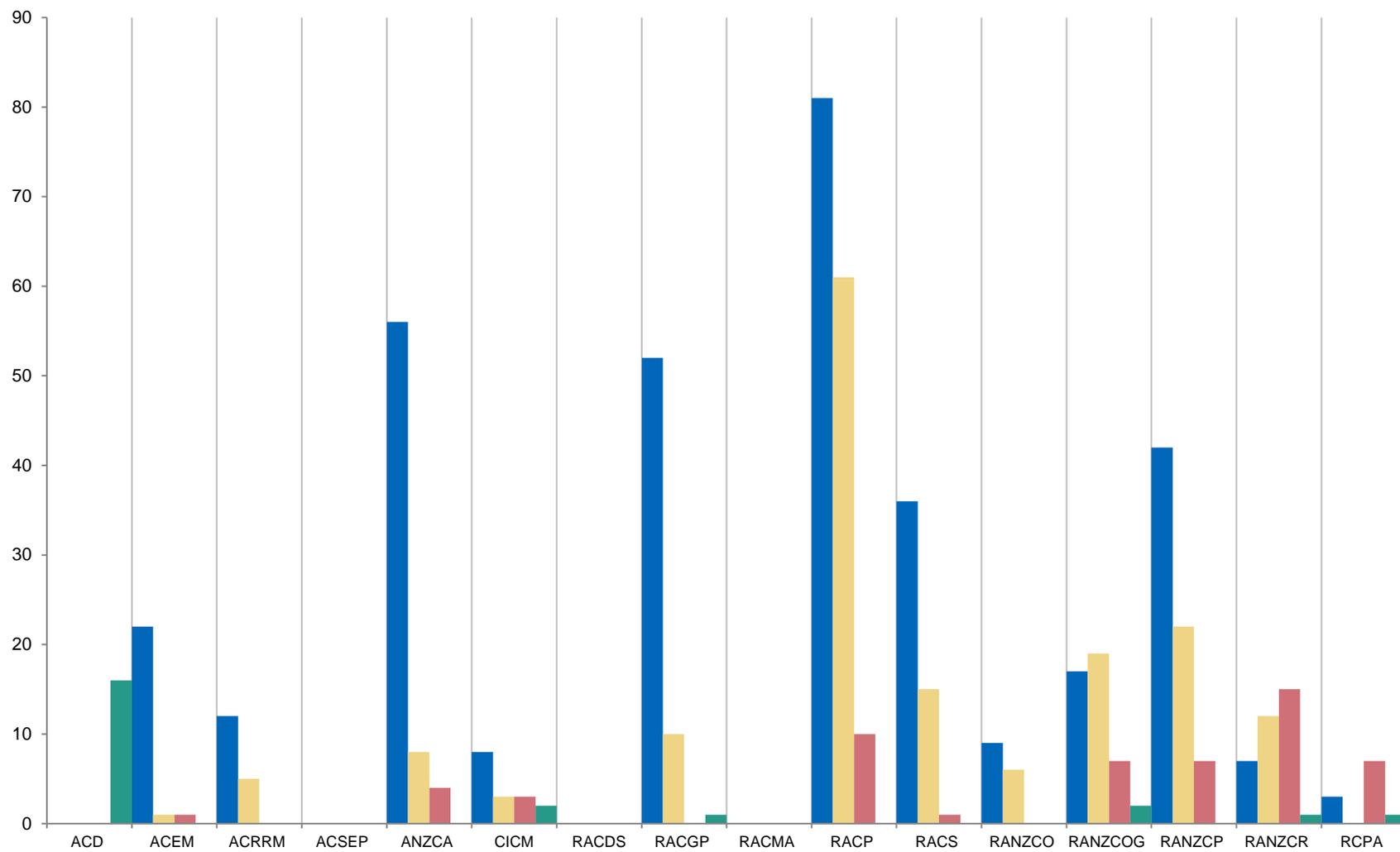
6.1.2 Specialist recognition timeframes and requirements: Interim assessment: Time from interview to interim assessment decision



	ACD	ACEM	ACRRM	ACSEP	ANZCA	CICM	RACDS	RACGP	RACMA	RACP	RACS	RANZCO	RANZCOG	RANZCP	RANZCR	RCPA
0 – 14 days	15	21	12	0	49	0	0	0	0	1	9	12	34	60	11	7
15 – 28 days	0	3	3	1	6	1	0	0	0	5	32	0	0	9	26	3
> 28 days	0	0	2	0	1	15	0	0	0	131	3	0	0	2	3	2

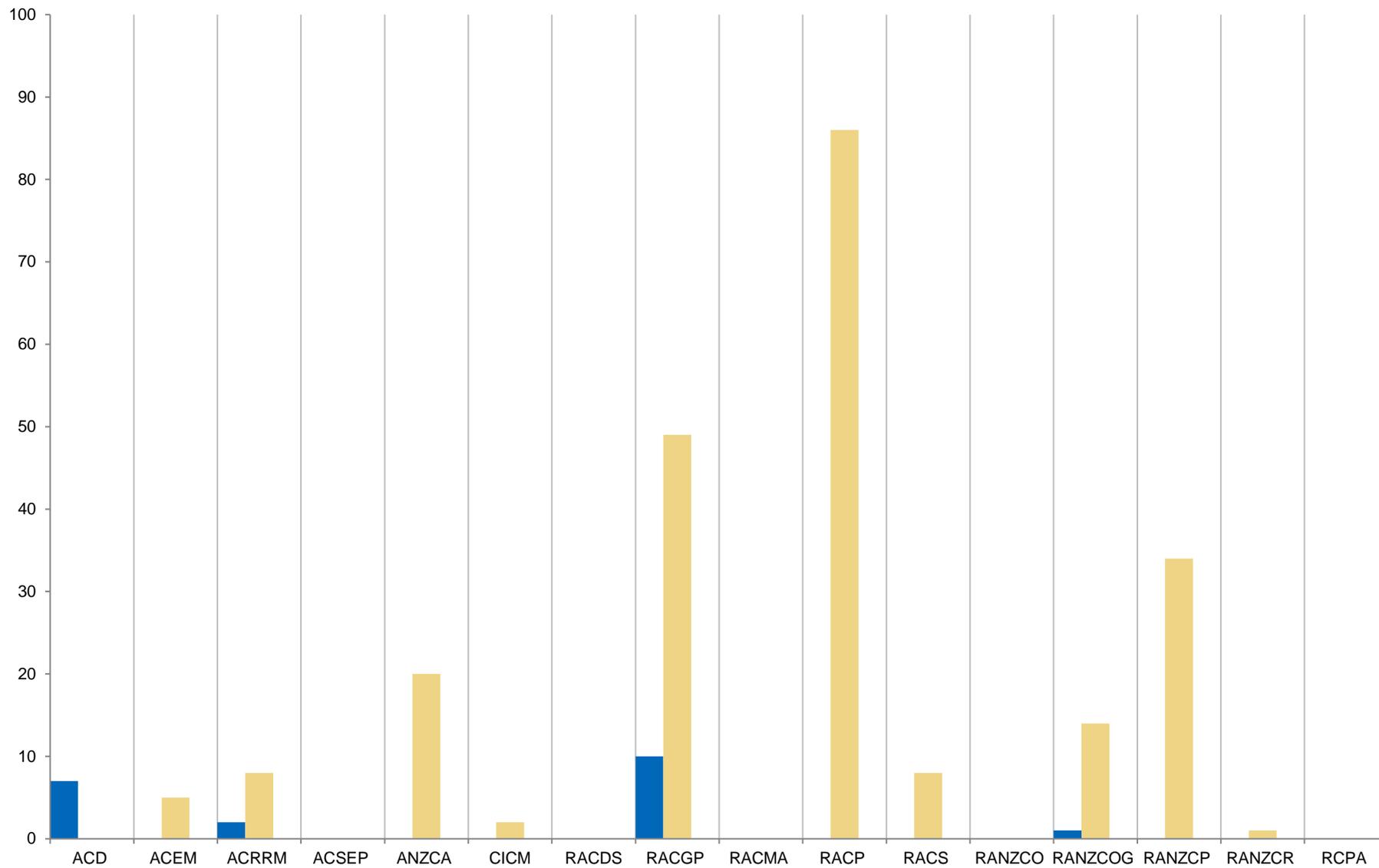
Note: RACGP do not interview to assess comparability.

6.1.3 Specialist recognition timeframes and requirements: Interim assessment: Total time for interim assessment



	ACD	ACEM	ACRRM	ACSEP	ANZCA	CICA	RACDS	RACGP	RACMA	RACP	RACS	RANZCO	RANZCOG	RANZCP	RANZCR	RCPA
0 – 3 months and 14 days	0	22	12	0	56	8	0	52	0	81	36	9	17	42	7	3
3 months and 15 days – 6 months	0	1	5	0	8	3	0	10	0	61	15	6	19	22	12	0
> 6 months – 9 months	0	1	0	0	4	3	0	0	0	10	1	0	7	7	15	7
> 9 months	16	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1

6.2.1 Specialist recognition timeframes and requirements: Substantially comparable IMGs: Period of peer review required by college

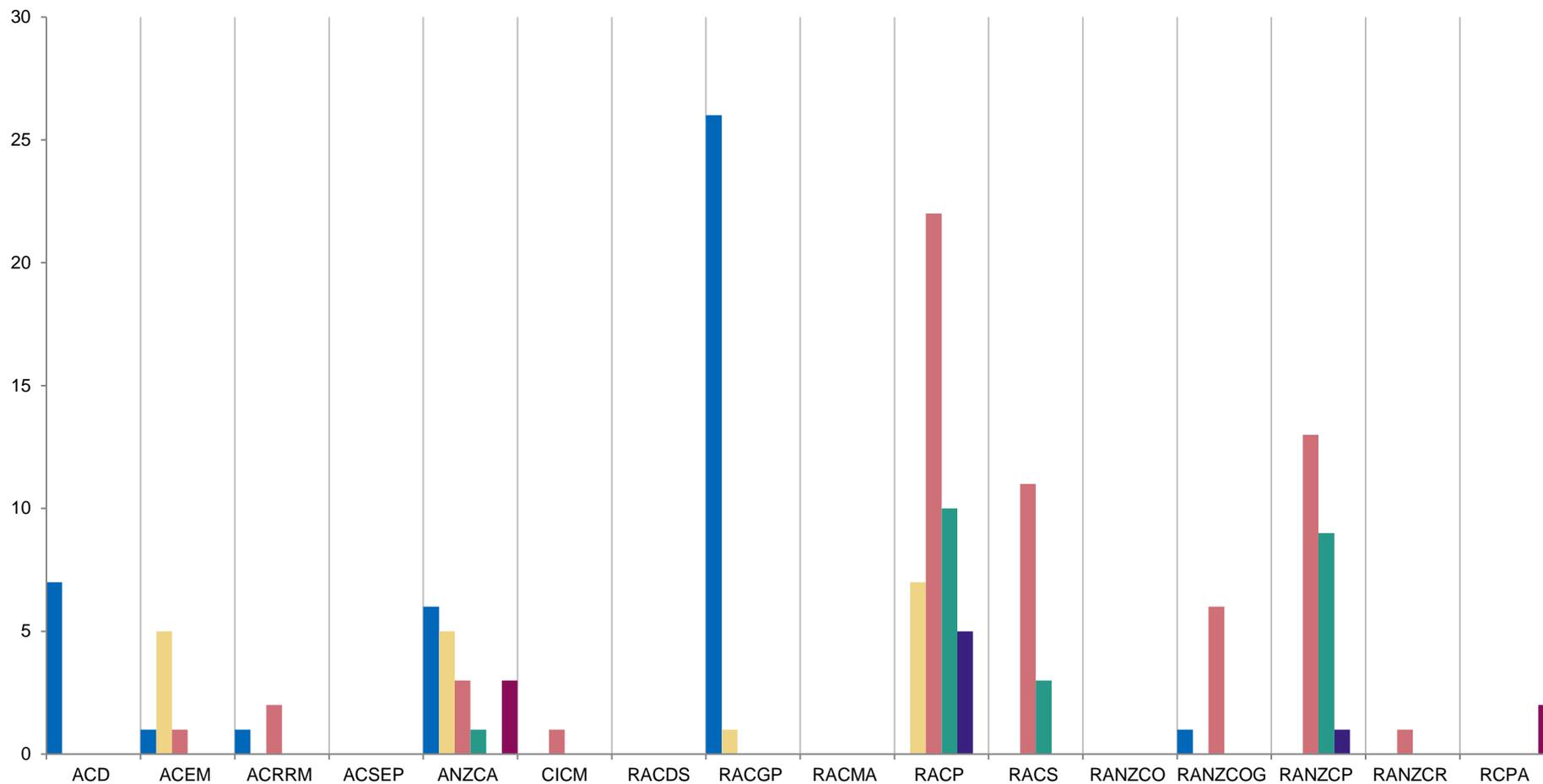


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No peer review required	7	0	2	0	0	0	0	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
0 – 12 months	0	5	8	0	20	2	0	49	0	86	8	0	14	34	1	0
> 12 months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

6.2.2 Specialist recognition timeframes and requirements: Substantially comparable IMGs: Number required to complete exam

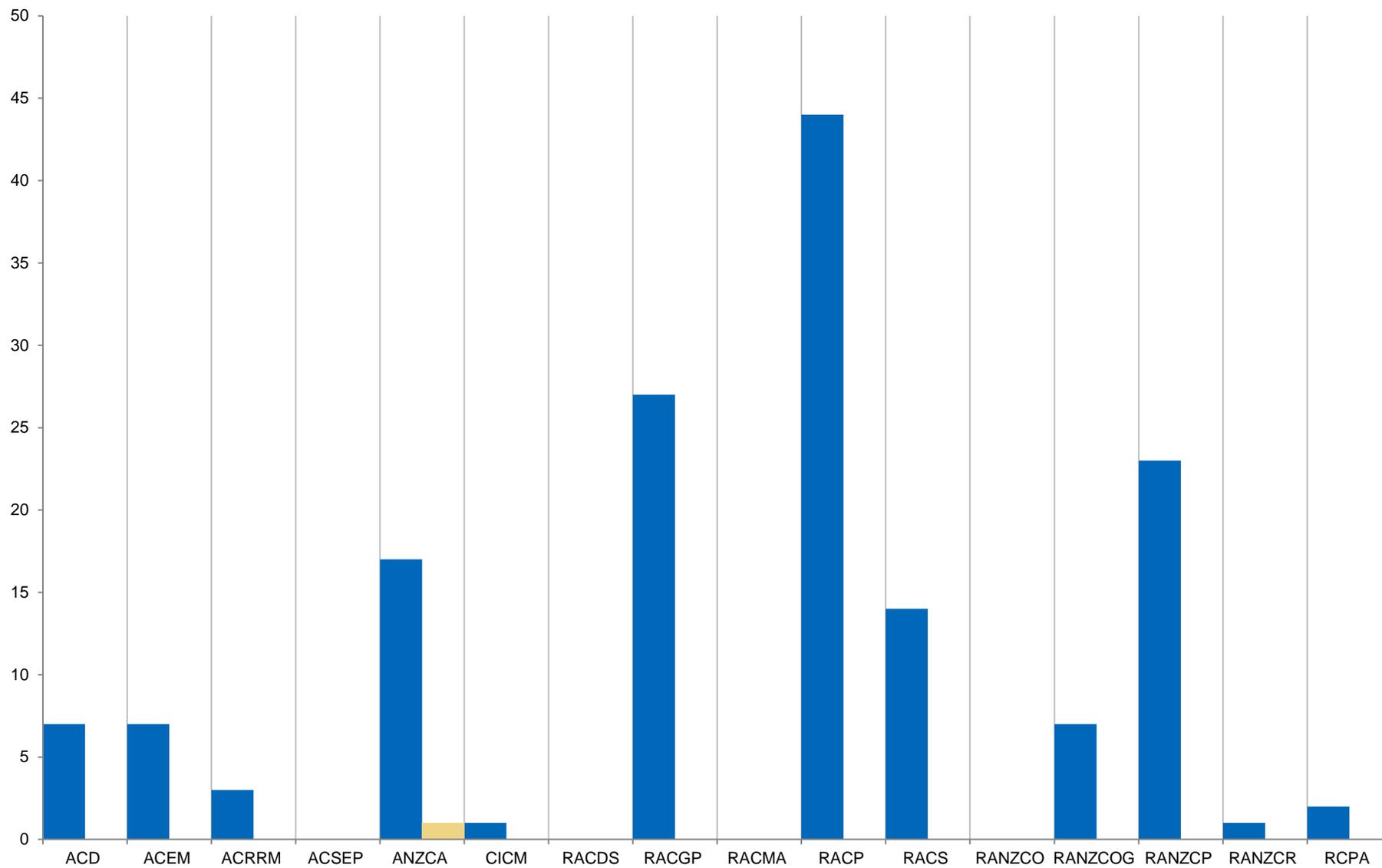
All specialist medical colleges reported that no substantially comparable IMGs were required to complete a formal examination.

6.2.3 Specialist recognition timeframes and requirements: Substantially comparable IMGs: Time for final assessment



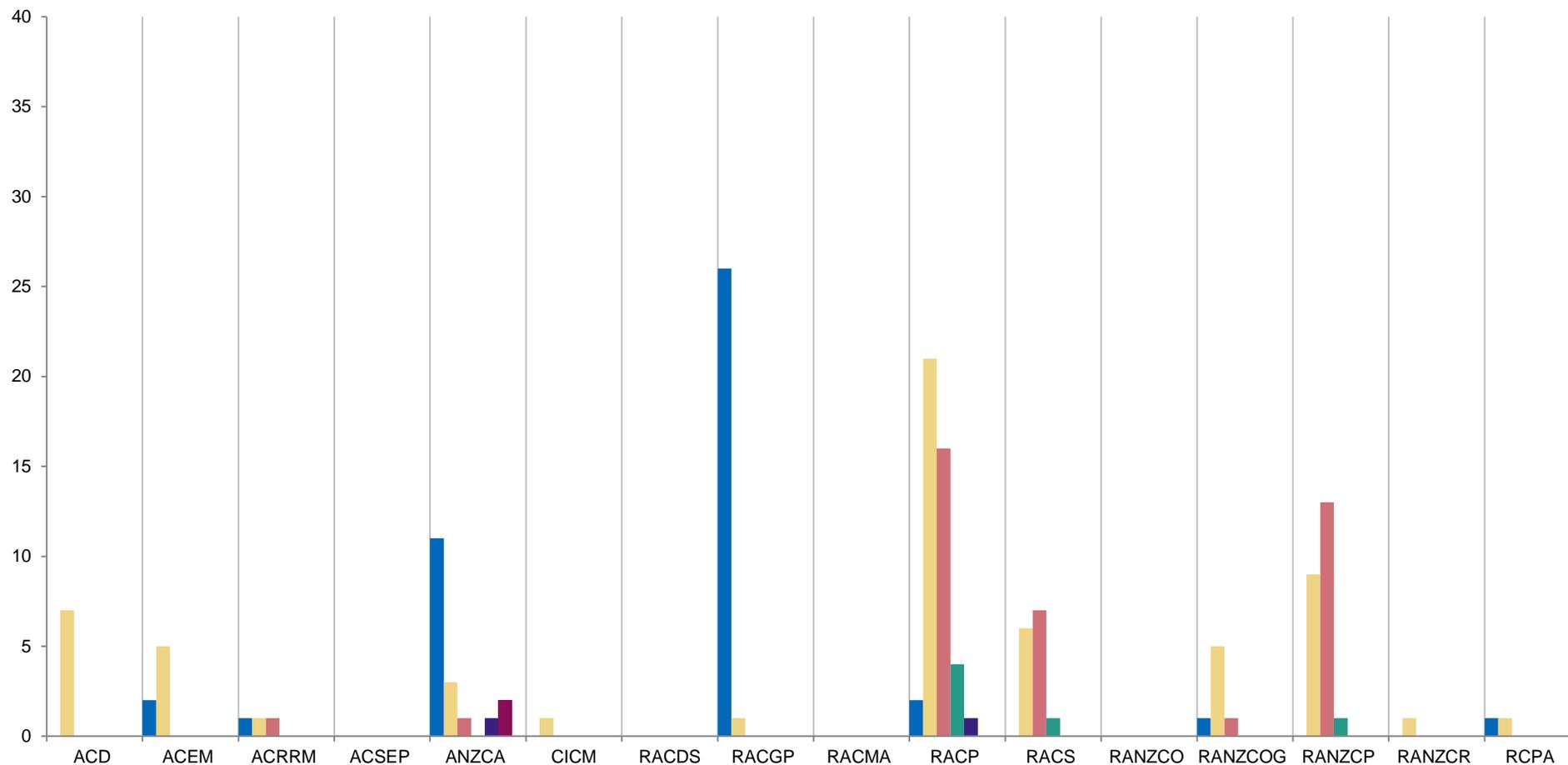
	ACD	ACEM	ACRRM	ACSEP	ANZCA	CICM	RACDS	RACGP	RACMA	RACP	RACS	RANZCO	RANZCOG	RANZCP	RANZCR	RCPA
0 – 6 months	7	1	1	0	6	0	0	26	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
6 – 12 months	0	5	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
12 – 24 months	0	1	2	0	3	1	0	0	0	22	11	0	6	13	1	0
24 - 36 months	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	10	3	0	0	9	0	0
36 - 48 months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	0	0
> 48 months	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2

6.2.4 Specialist recognition timeframes and requirements: Substantially comparable IMGs: Maximum timeframe for completing college requirements



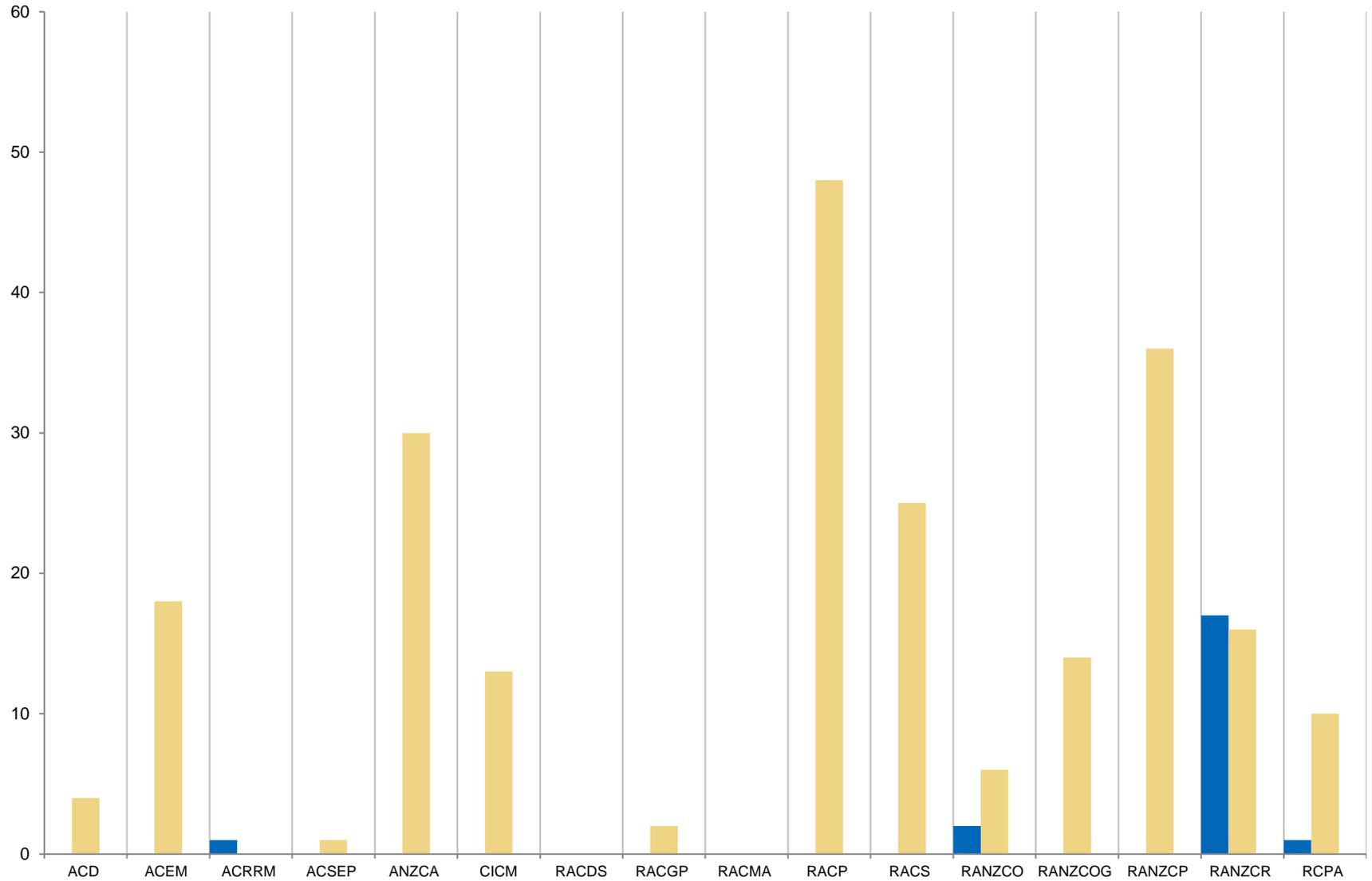
	ACD	ACEM	ACRRM	ACSEP	ANZCA	CIM	RACDS	RACGP	RACMA	RACP	RACS	RANZCO	RANZCOG	RANZCP	RANZCR	RCPA
0 – 2 years	7	7	3	0	17	1	0	27	0	44	14	0	7	23	1	2
> 2 years	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

6.2.5 Specialist recognition timeframes and requirements: Substantially comparable IMGs: Total time on specialist pathway



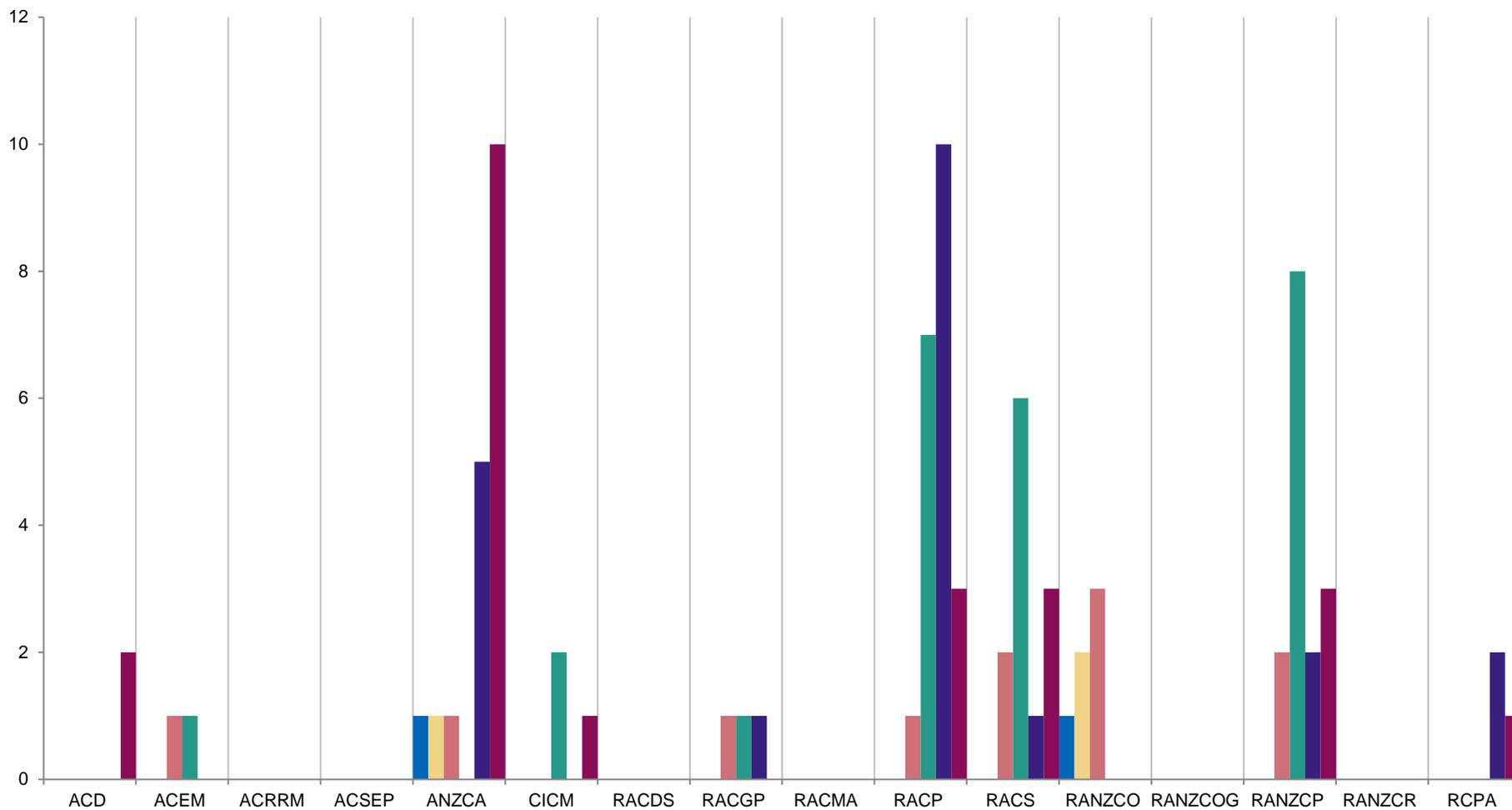
	ACD	ACEM	ACRRM	ACSEP	ANZCA	CIMM	RACDS	RACGP	RACMA	RACP	RACS	RANZCO	RANZCOG	RANZCP	RANZCR	RCPA
< 1 year	0	2	1	0	11	0	0	26	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	1
1 – 2 years	7	5	1	0	3	1	0	1	0	21	6	0	5	9	1	1
2 – 3 years	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	16	7	0	1	13	0	0
3 – 4 years	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	1	0	0
4 – 6 years	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 – 8 years	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
8 years +	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

6.3.1 Specialist recognition timeframes and requirements: Partially comparable IMGs: Period of supervised practice and/or training required by college



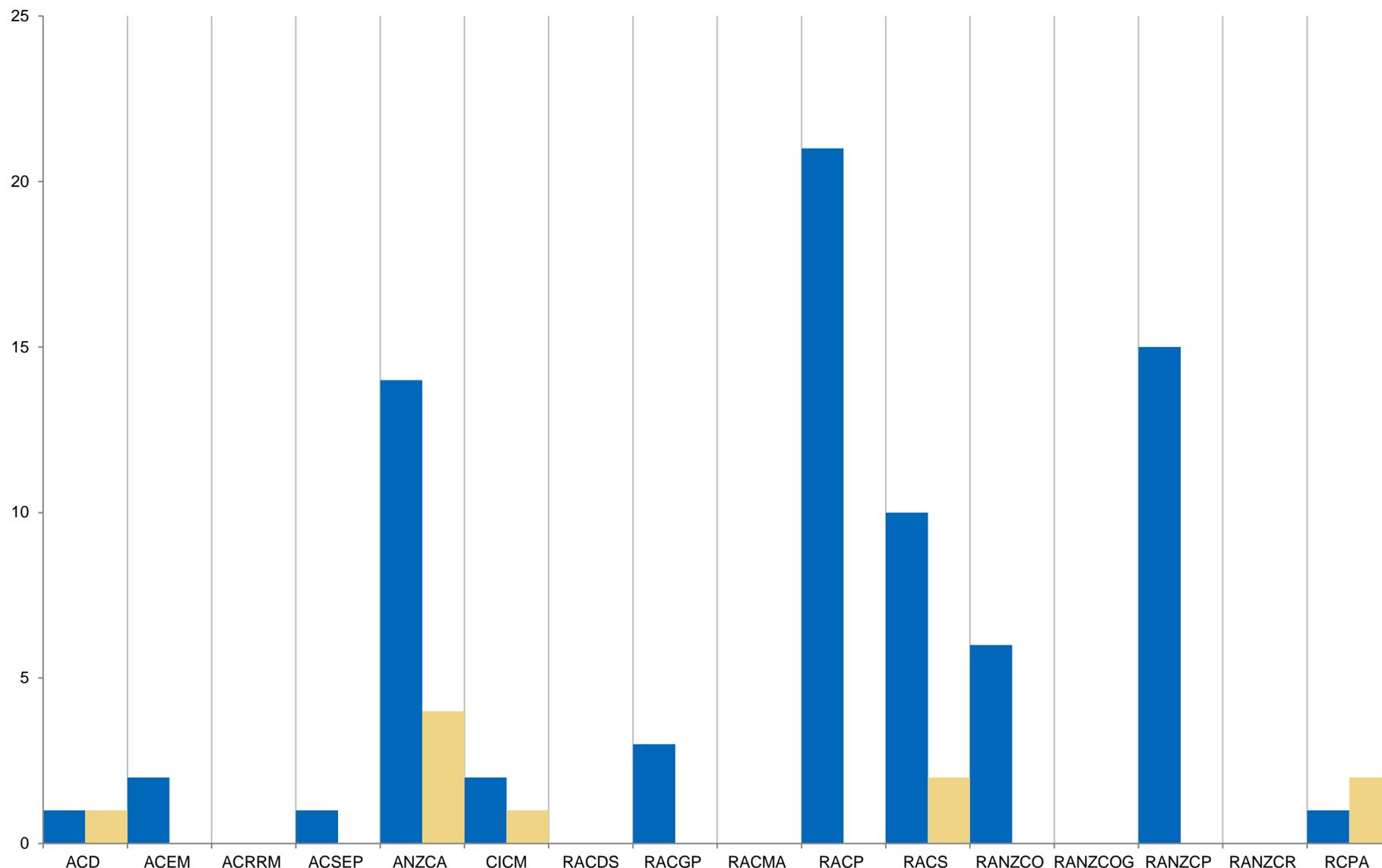
	ACD	ACEM	ACRRM	ACSEP	ANZCA	CICA	RACDS	RACGP	RACMA	RACP	RACS	RANZCO	RANZCOG	RANZCP	RANZCR	RCPA
No supervised practice or training	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	17	1
0 – 24 months	4	18	0	1	30	13	0	2	0	48	25	6	14	36	16	10
> 24 months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

6.3.2 Specialist recognition timeframes and requirements: Partially comparable IMGs: Time for final assessment



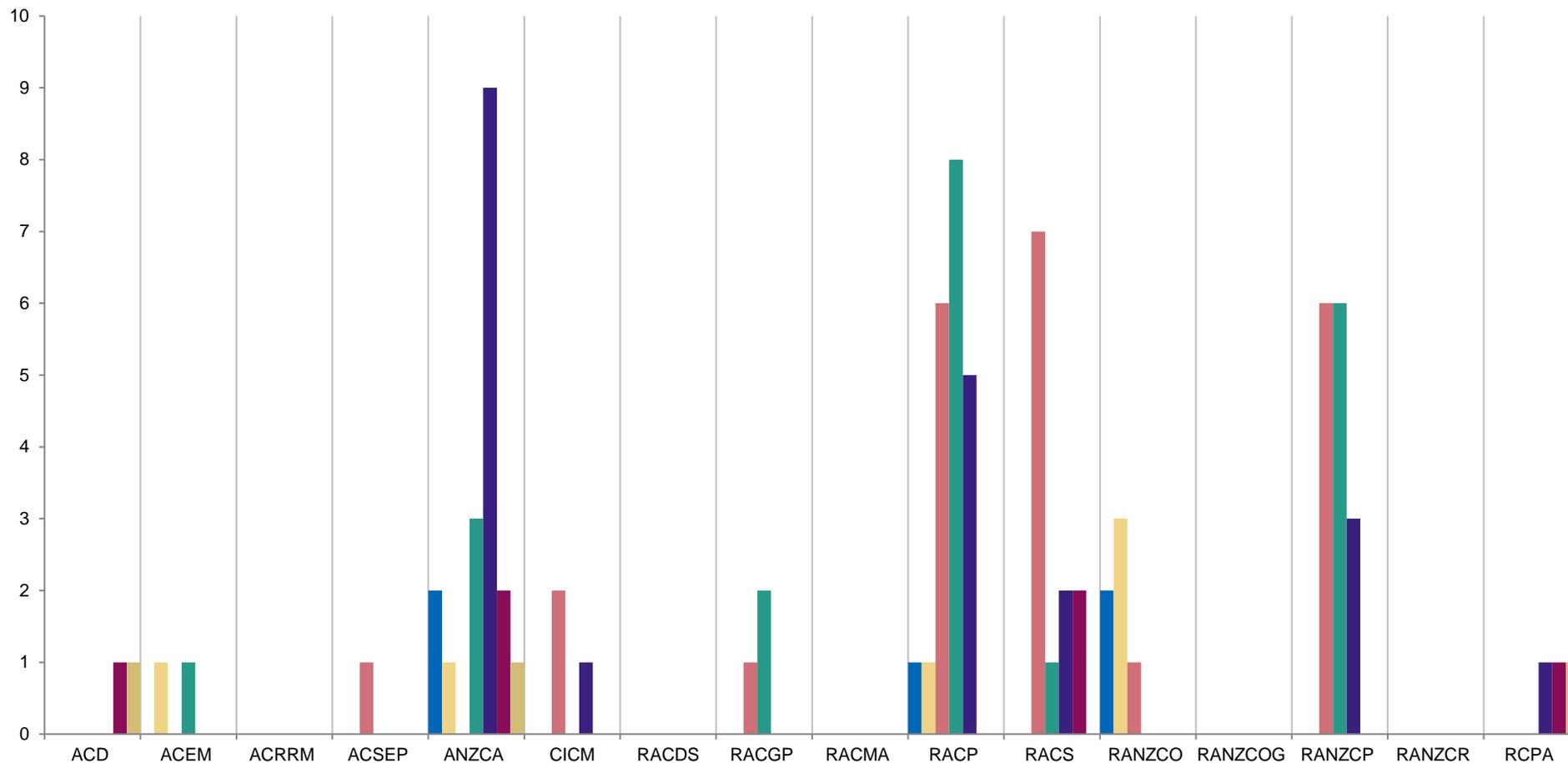
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0 – 6 months	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
6 - 12 months	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
12 - 24 months	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	3	0	2	0	0
24 - 36 months	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	7	6	0	0	8	0	0
36 - 48 months	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	1	0	10	1	0	0	2	0	2
> 48 months	2	0	0	0	10	1	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	3	0	1

6.3.3 Specialist recognition timeframes and requirements: Partially comparable IMGs: Maximum timeframe for completing college requirements



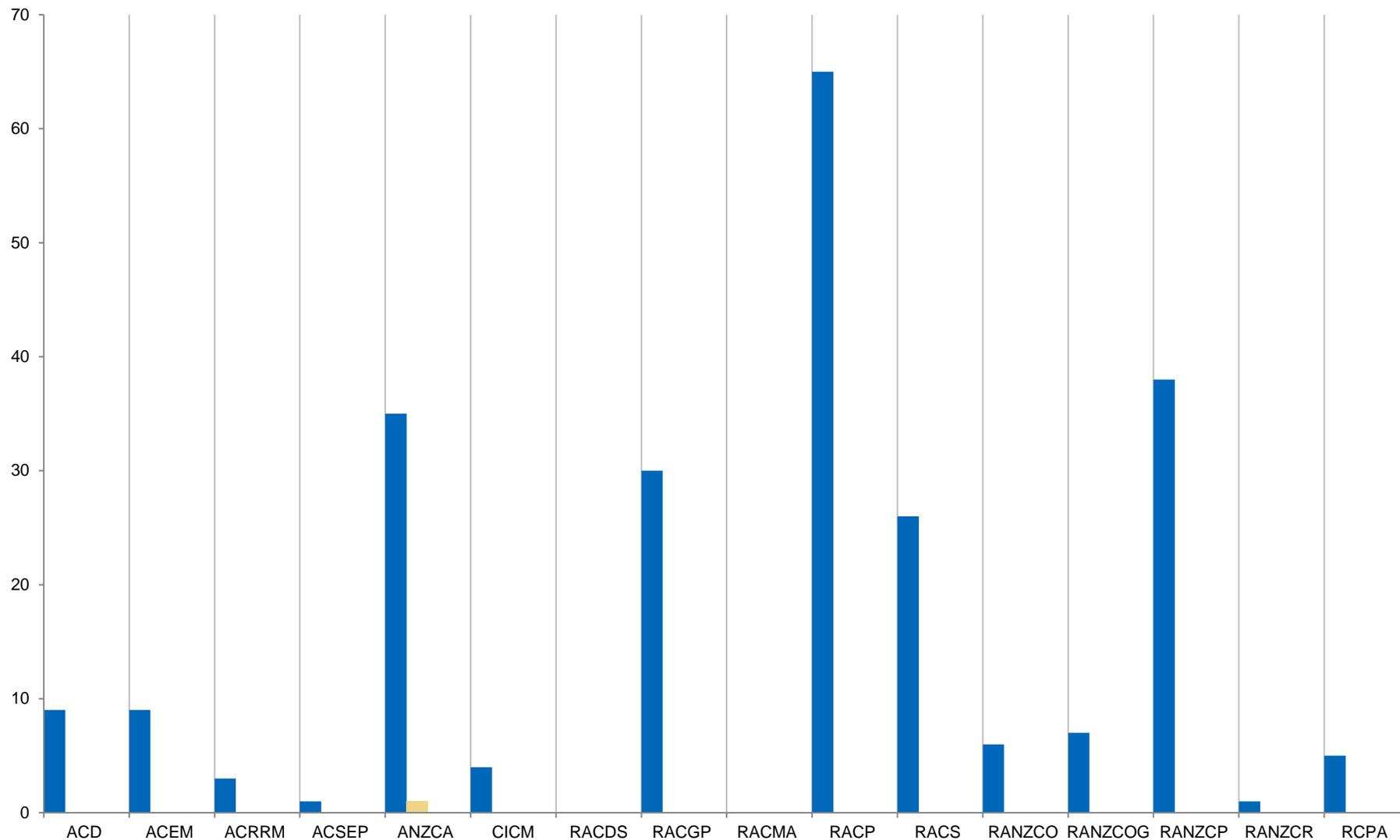
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0 – 4 years	1	2	0	1	14	2	0	3	0	21	10	6	0	15	0	1
> 4 years	1	0	0	0	4	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2

6.3.4 Specialist recognition timeframes and requirements: Partially comparable IMGs: Total time on specialist pathway



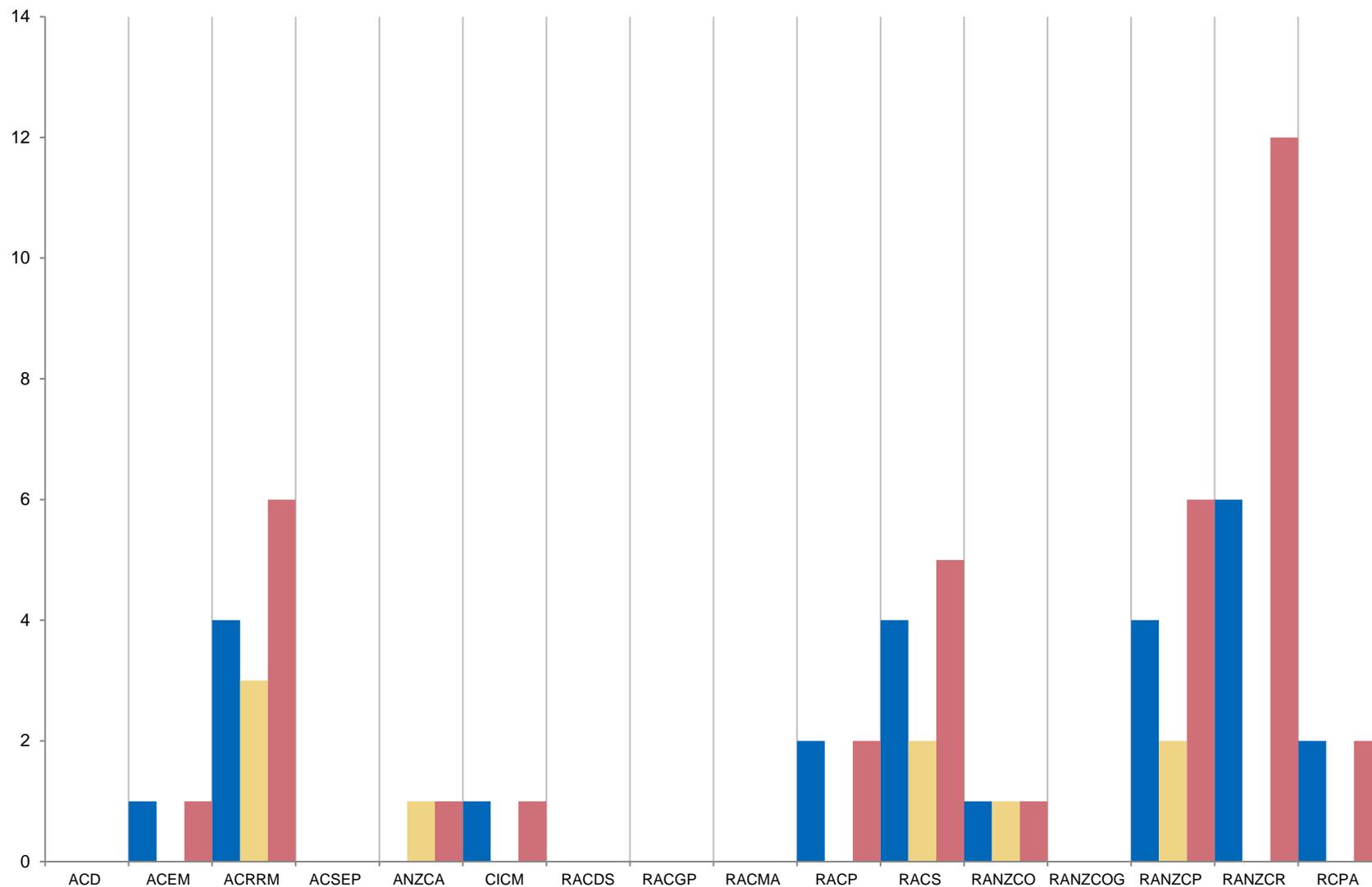
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< 1 year	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0
1 – 2 years	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0
2 – 3 years	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	6	7	1	0	6	0	0
3 – 4 years	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	2	0	8	1	0	0	6	0	0
4 – 6 years	0	0	0	0	9	1	0	0	0	5	2	0	0	3	0	1
6 – 8 years	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	1
8 years +	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1

6.4 Specialist recognition timeframes and requirements: Time for specialist recognition final assessment decision



	ACD	ACEM	ACRRM	ACSEP	ANZCA	CIM	RACDS	RACGP	RACMA	RACP	RACS	RANZCO	RANZCOG	RANZCP	RANZCR	RCPA
0 – 2 months	9	9	3	1	35	4	0	30	0	65	26	6	7	38	1	5
> 2 – 6 months	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
> 6 – 9 months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
> 9 months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

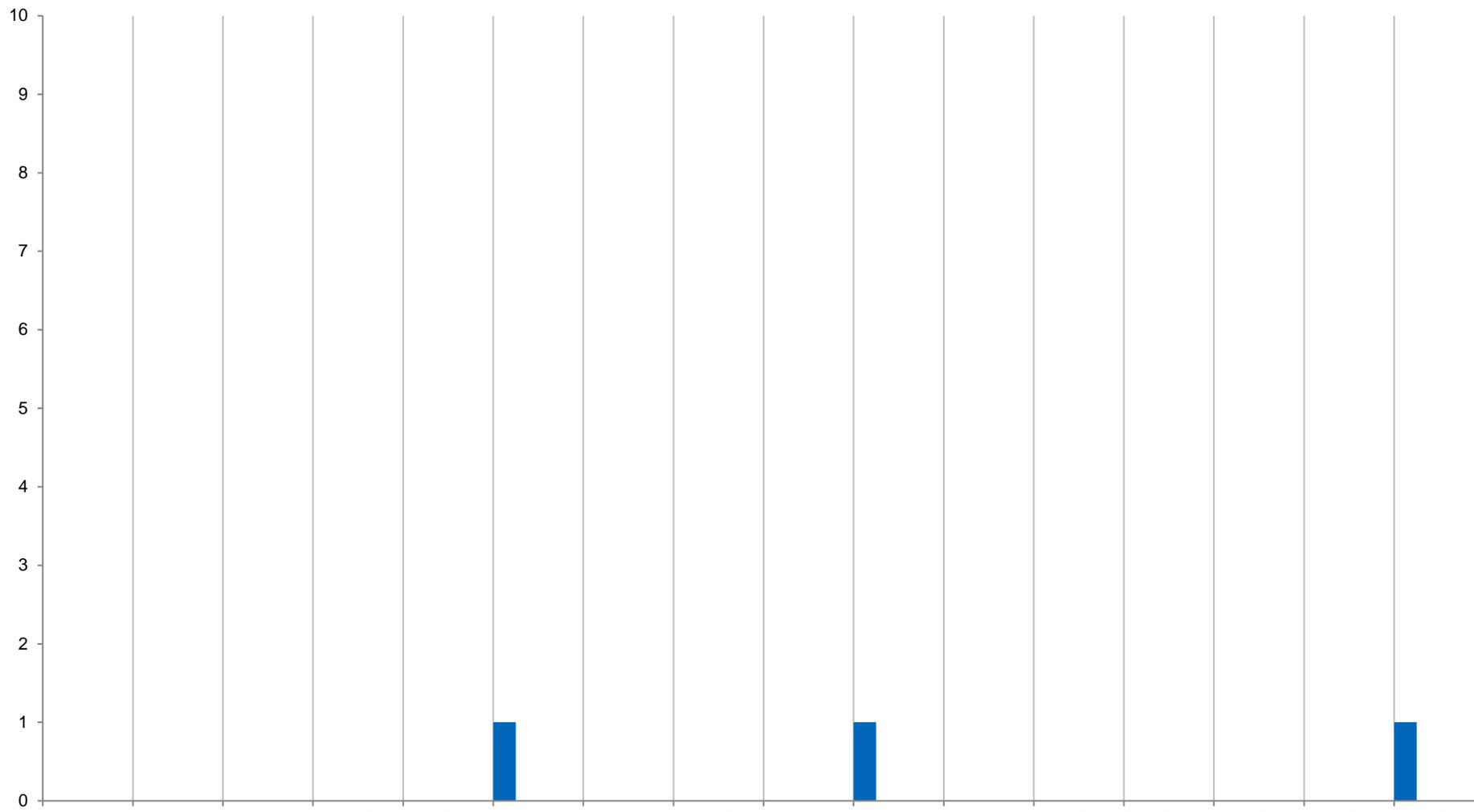
7.1 Area of need outcomes and timeframes: Outcome of assessment



	ACD	ACEM	ACRRM	ACSEP	ANZCA	CICM	RACDS	RACGP	RACMA	RACP	RACS	RANZCO	RANZCOG	RANZCP	RANZCR	RCPA
Suitable for the AoN position	0	1	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	4	1	0	4	6	2
Not suitable for the AoN position	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	2	0	0
Total AoN and combined applications	0	1	6	0	1	1	0	0	0	2	5	1	0	6	12	2

Note: Outcomes of assessment may not total 'Total number of applications received'; some assessments were still in progress and some relate to applications received before 2020.

7.2 Area of need outcomes and timeframes: Time for assessment



	ACD	ACEM	ACRRM	ACSEP	ANZCA	CICA	RACDS	RACGP	RACMA	RACP	RACS	RANZCO	RANZCOG	RANZCP	RANZCR	RCPA
0 – 2 months	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
2 – 6 months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6 – 9 months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
> 9 months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Note: Excludes combined assessments (where IMG applied for specialist recognition and area of need)

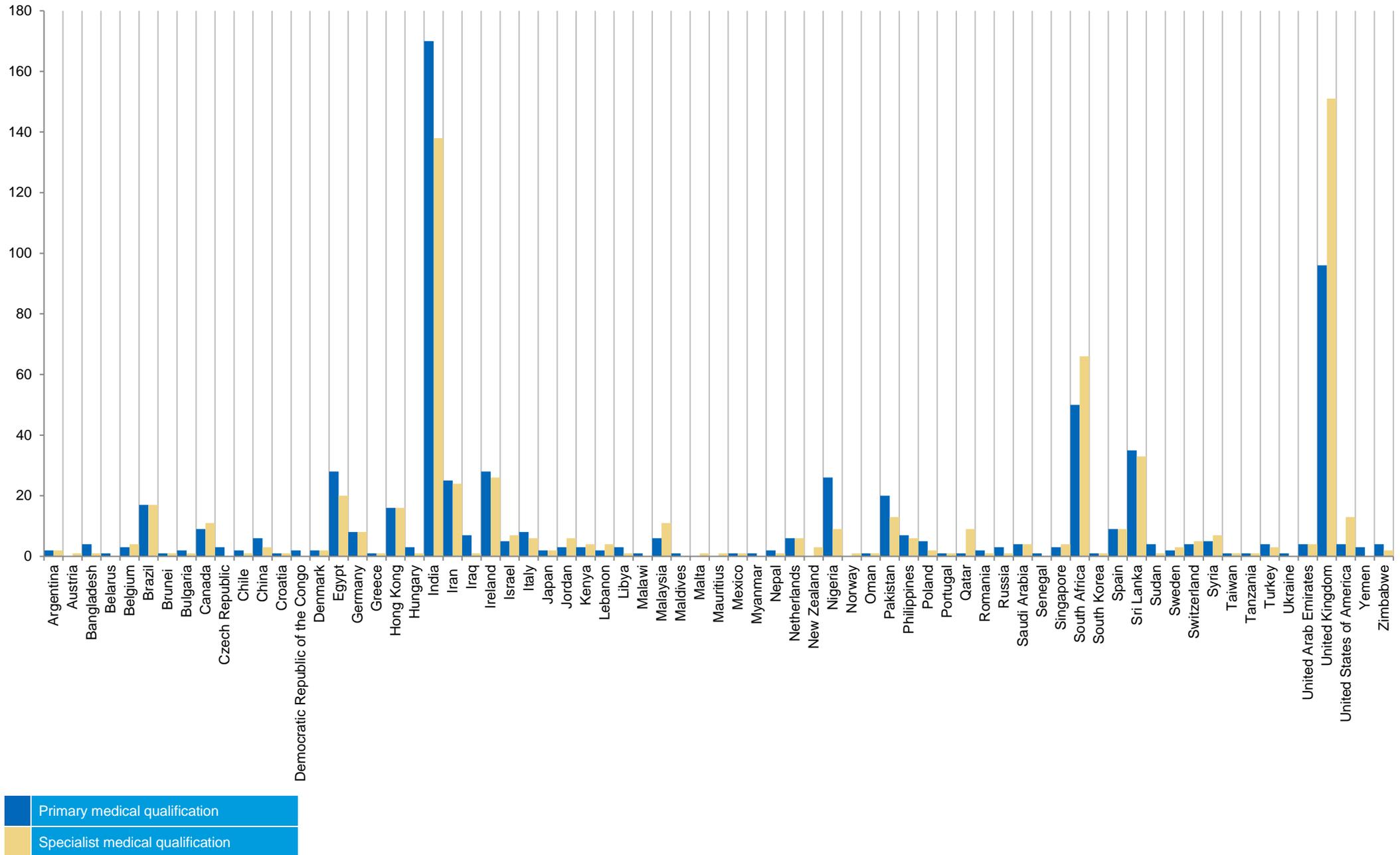
8.1 IMG country of qualifications: Primary medical degree and specialist qualification - all colleges (data)

Country	Primary	Specialist
Argentina	2	2
Austria	0	1
Bangladesh	4	1
Belarus	1	0
Belgium	3	4
Brazil	17	17
Brunei	1	1
Bulgaria	2	1
Canada	9	11
Czech Republic	3	0
Chile	2	1
China	6	3
Croatia	1	1
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2	0
Denmark	2	2
Egypt	28	20
Germany	8	8
Greece	1	1
Hong Kong	16	16
Hungary	3	1
India	170	138
Iran	25	24
Iraq	7	1

Country	Primary	Specialist
Ireland	28	26
Israel	5	7
Italy	8	6
Japan	2	2
Jordan	3	6
Kenya	3	4
Lebanon	2	4
Libya	3	1
Malawi	1	0
Malaysia	6	11
Maldives	1	0
Malta	0	1
Mauritius	0	1
Mexico	1	1
Myanmar	1	0
Nepal	2	1
Netherlands	6	6
New Zealand	0	3
Nigeria	26	9
Norway	0	1
Oman	1	1
Pakistan	20	13
Philippines	7	6
Poland	5	2

Country	Primary	Specialist
Portugal	1	1
Qatar	1	9
Romania	2	1
Russia	3	1
Saudi Arabia	4	4
Senegal	1	0
Singapore	3	4
South Africa	50	66
South Korea	1	1
Spain	9	9
Sri Lanka	35	33
Sudan	4	1
Sweden	2	3
Switzerland	4	5
Syria	5	7
Taiwan	1	1
Tanzania	1	1
Turkey	4	3
Ukraine	1	0
United Arab Emirates	4	4
United Kingdom	96	151
United States of America	4	13
Yemen	3	0
Zimbabwe	4	2

8.2 IMG country of qualifications: Primary medical degree and specialist qualification - all colleges (graph)



8.3 IMG country of qualifications: Primary medical degree and specialist qualification - all colleges (maps)



Primary medical degree



Specialist qualification



8.4.1 IMG country of qualifications: Specialist qualification: Australasian College of Dermatologists



Country	Specialist qualification
Brazil	2
India	5
Iran	1
Japan	1
Jordan	1
New Zealand	1
Nigeria	1
Singapore	1
South Africa	3
Spain	2
Sri Lanka	2
Turkey	2
UK	4

8.4.2 IMG country of qualifications: Specialist qualification: Australasian College for Emergency Medicine



Country	Specialist qualification
Canada	1
Egypt	2
Hong Kong	1
India	1
Ireland	1
Israel	1
Jordan	2
Malaysia	2
Netherlands	1
Qatar	1
Singapore	1
South Africa	2
Taiwan	1
Tanzania	1
UK	5
United Arab Emirates	2
USA	3

8.4.3 IMG country of qualifications: Specialist qualification: Australasian College of Sports and Exercise Physicians



Country	Specialist qualification
Brunei	1

8.4.4 IMG country of qualifications: Specialist qualification: Australia and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists



Country	Specialist qualification
Austria	1
Belgium	2
Brazil	2
China	1
Croatia	1
Denmark	1
Egypt	1
Hong Kong	1
India	6
Iran	1
Ireland	10
Israel	1
Italy	1
Kenya	1
Mauritius	1
Netherlands	1
Pakistan	2
South Africa	5
Sri Lanka	2
Sweden	1
UK	17

8.4.5 IMG country of qualifications: Specialist qualification: Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine



Country	Specialist qualification
Canada	2
Ireland	1
New Zealand	1
Norway	1
South Africa	16
Sweden	1
UK	1

8.4.6 IMG country of qualifications: Specialist qualification: College of Intensive Care Medicine



Country	Specialist qualification
Argentina	1
Brazil	2
Egypt	4
India	16
Iran	2
Ireland	5
Italy	1
Japan	1
Libya	1
Pakistan	1
Romania	1
Saudi Arabia	1
South Africa	2
Spain	1
Switzerland	1
UK	4
USA	2

8.4.7 IMG country of qualifications: Specialist qualification: Royal Australasian College of Dental Surgeons



Country	Specialist qualification
Nil	Nil

8.4.8 IMG country of qualifications: Specialist qualification: Royal Australasian College of Surgeons



Country	Specialist qualification
Brazil	3
Bulgaria	1
Canada	1
China	2
Egypt	1
Germany	2
Hong Kong	1
Hungary	1
India	19
Iran	3
Iraq	1
Ireland	3
Italy	1
Jordan	1
Lebanon	1
Malaysia	2
Malta	1
Mexico	1
Netherlands	2
Russia	1
Saudi Arabia	1
South Africa	12
Spain	2
Sri Lanka	3
Sweden	1
Switzerland	2
Syria	1
UK	17
USA	2

8.4.9 IMG country of qualifications: Specialist qualification: Royal Australian College of General Practitioners



Country	Specialist qualification
Canada	3
New Zealand	2
Spain	1
UK	46

8.4.10 IMG country of qualifications: Specialist qualification: Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators



Country	Specialist qualification
Nil	Nil

8.4.11 IMG country of qualifications: Specialist qualification: Royal Australasian College of Physicians



Country	Specialist qualification
Bangladesh	1
Brazil	3
Canada	4
Egypt	6
Germany	6
Greece	1
Hong Kong	7
India	33
Iran	9
Ireland	5
Israel	2
Italy	1
Lebanon	3
Malaysia	4
Nigeria	1
Pakistan	5
Philippines	3
Poland	2
Saudi Arabia	2
Singapore	1
South Africa	12
South Korea	1
Spain	2
Sri Lanka	6
Switzerland	2
Syria	2
UK	18
United Arab Emirates	2
USA	4
Zimbabwe	1

8.4.12 IMG country of qualifications: Specialist qualification: Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists



Country	Specialist qualification
Egypt	2
Hong Kong	2
India	23
Iran	2
Nigeria	1
Pakistan	1
South Africa	4
Sri Lanka	12
Syria	1
UK	23
USA	1

8.4.13 IMG country of qualifications: Specialist qualification: Royal Australian New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists



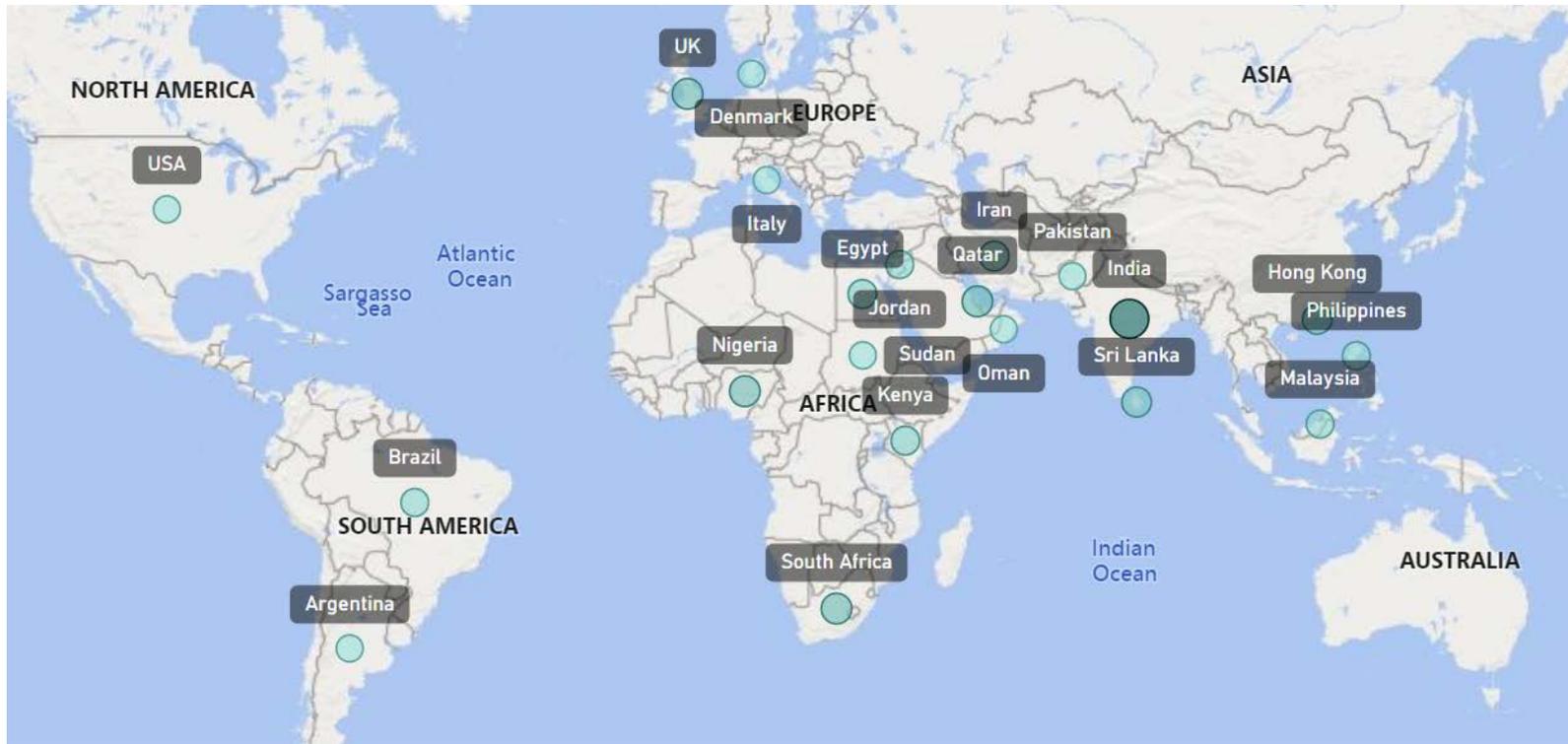
Country	Specialist qualification
Belgium	2
Brazil	2
India	9
Iran	2
Ireland	1
Israel	2
Nigeria	1
Pakistan	2
Portugal	1
Qatar	3
South Africa	4
Spain	1
Sri Lanka	4
Syria	3
Turkey	1
UK	6
Zimbabwe	1

8.4.14 IMG country of qualifications: Specialist qualification: Royal Australian New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists



Country	Specialist qualification
Brazil	1
India	5
Israel	1
Italy	1
Malaysia	1
Singapore	1
UK	1

8.4.15 IMG country of qualifications: Specialist qualification: Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Radiologists



Country	Specialist qualification
Argentina	1
Brazil	2
Denmark	1
Egypt	3
Hong Kong	4
India	14
Iran	4
Italy	1
Jordan	2
Kenya	3
Malaysia	2
Nigeria	5
Oman	1
Pakistan	1
Philippines	2
Qatar	5
South Africa	5
Sri Lanka	4
Sudan	1
UK	5
USA	1

8.4.16 IMG country of qualifications: Specialist qualification: Royal College of Pathologists Australasia



Country	Specialist qualification
Chile	1
Egypt	1
India	7
Nepal	1
Netherlands	2
Pakistan	2
South Africa	1
UK	4