

Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) Program:

Policies

Applying for the AGPT Program

Applying for the AGPT Program is through either:

- The Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM); and/or
- The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP)

It is expected that once accepted onto the AGPT Program registrars will not change training pathways (rural or general) or training regions. ACRRM offers rural places so applicants will only need to preference a training region. If applying through RACGP applicants will need to preference a training pathway and training region.

If successful in gaining a position on the AGPT Program, registrars must adhere to the AGPT Program Policies, which are available on the AGPT website at www.agpt.com.au/About-Us/Policies-/Policies.

Key Requirements for Registrars on the AGPT Program

The AGPT Program Policies aim to ensure that registrars progress through their training on the AGPT Program within set timeframes, with continuity of training and recency of practice so that registrars attaining fellowship through the Program are ready to practice as independent specialist GPs.

While registrars are required to adhere to the requirements specified within the policies, there may be circumstances where registrars will require additional flexibility to manage their training, and/or other circumstances occurring in their lives. The policies are cognisant of this, with additional flexibilities available for registrars set out in a number of the policies. These include *the AGPT Extension of Training Time Policy 2019, AGPT Program Leave Policy 2019, AGPT Training Obligations Policy 2019 and AGPT Rural Generalist Policy 2019*. In addition, the *AGPT Transfer Policy 2019* enables registrars to transfer to a different training region or pathway on either a permanent or temporary basis, in some circumstances, to undertake their training.

The key requirements for registrars on the AGPT Program are as follows:

- Once registrars have enrolled in their chosen fellowship program(s) they cannot change to another fellowship program. In order to change fellowship programs registrars will need to withdraw from the AGPT Program and reapply to their preferred GP College.
- Registrars are expected to remain in the training region and pathway in which they accepted a training place for the duration of their training. Registrars can seek a transfer:
 - Due to extenuating and unforeseen circumstances, or to address identified career, training and/or education requirements.
 - To undertake skills training if they are undertaking Rural Generalist Training through the AGPT Program (see *AGPT Rural Generalist Policy 2019*).
- Registrars training on the AGPT Program are expected to achieve fellowship within the relevant training time cap specified below:
 - 4 Full time Equivalent (FTE) years if seeking fellowship of RACGP;
 - 5 FTE years if seeking fellowship of ACRRM, both ACRRM and RACGP, or RACGP and FARGP*; and
 - 6 FTE years if seeking fellowship of ACRRM and undertaking Advanced Specialised Training in surgery.

**Please note that registrars who are undertaking Rural Generalist Training through the AGPT Program are eligible for additional training time as specified in the AGPT Rural Generalist Policy 2019.*

- The training time cap as specified above includes all training terms required by the relevant College, with an additional 12 months to allow for any extensions of training time or leave if needed.
- Registrars have access to leave from the AGPT Program in addition to their leave entitlements through employment arrangements. Registrars can access unpaid parental leave, sick or carer's leave, Australian Defence Force service leave (which does not count towards the training time cap) and additional leave for personal reasons (which does count towards the training time cap) through the *AGPT Program Leave Policy 2019*. Generally the deferral of the commencement of training is not permitted, but may be considered in extenuating and unforeseen circumstances.
- Registrars are expected to maintain general medical registration without conditions or undertakings while training. Registrars must successfully complete the training terms specified by the relevant College/s, and adhere to the policies of the relevant College/s, which can be found on the college websites:

ACRRM: www.acrrm.org.au

RACGP: www.racgp.org.au

Further Information

AGPT Policies:

www.agpt.com.au/About-Us/Policies-/Policies

AGPT Eligibility and application questions

Department of Health: www.agpt.com.au

Training region specific questions:

www.agpt.com.au/Training-organisations/Training-Organisations-by-State-Territory

College selection and assessment processes:

ACRRM: www.acrrm.org.au/agpt



RACGP: www.racgp.org.au/agpt

