

Guidelines for the Assessment of Applicants with Conditions and/or Undertakings Attached to their General Medical Registration

Introduction

Holding general medical registration with conditions and/or undertakings may:

- Limit an applicant's ability to undertake training on the Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) Program
- Limit a registrar's capacity to work in a general practice environment
- Have the potential to place patients and/or staff at risk.

Such limitations must be considered before an applicant is selected into training. A decision about whether an applicant's conditions and/or undertakings can be reasonably accommodated in the AGPT Program will be made during the eligibility phase of the program.

These Guidelines apply to applicants who have, or anticipate having, conditions and/or undertakings attached to their general medical registration at the time of commencing training in the AGPT Program.

Applicants applying to the AGPT Program should also refer to the Eligibility Guide for full details of the program entry requirement.

General medical registration with conditions and/or undertakings

Applicants are required to provide their medical registration details in the AGPT Program application. Further medical registration details including information on conditions and/or undertakings will be retrieved from the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency's public register as part of the application process. Supporting documentation related to the conditions and/or undertakings must be uploaded as part of applicant's application.

If applicants anticipate having conditions and/or undertakings on their general medical registration at the commencement of training, or conditions are set after the AGPT application has been submitted, they must notify the College and update their application.

Failure to declare any conditions and/or undertakings may lead to exclusion of the applicant and subsequent withdrawal from the AGPT Program under category 3 – withdrawal based on capacity.

Further information regarding this withdrawal category can be found in the AGPT Withdrawal Policy 2020 available on the AGPT website (www.agpt.com.au).

The College reserves the right at any stage to reverse any decision regarding an application made on the basis of incorrect or incomplete information.

Procedure for Assessing Applications

To determine whether applicants with conditions and/or undertakings attached to their general medical registration are eligible to train on the AGPT Program, a review panel consists of ACRRM's Director of Training, representatives from the College and regional training organisations will assess the applicants' medical registration details together with the supporting documentations.

Failure to provide necessary documentations will mean the applicant has not met the eligibility requirements; their application will be deemed ineligible and will not proceed to the next stage of the ACRRM's selection process.

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NB: Acceptance of an applicant for entry into the AGPT program will not limit, reduce or in any way minimise the conditions and/or undertakings stipulated by AHPRA.

Applicants with conditions and/or undertakings assessed by the panel are placed in the following categories:

Category 1

Where the conditions and/or undertakings **prevent** an applicant from undertaking the AGPT Program, they will be deemed (by the Review Panel) to be 'ineligible'. This includes, but is not limited to;

- Any general medical registration conditions and/or undertakings that state the applicant must have level one supervision¹.
- Any general medical registration conditions and/or undertakings that restrict the applicant from seeing patients across all genders and ages.

Category 2

Where the conditions and/or undertakings attached to an applicant's general registration are to be **reviewed**² by AHPRA prior to the commencement of training, and the applicant can provide documentary evidence of this from AHPRA, the Review Panel may consider the possibility of the application proceeding, and request further information be provided.

If an applicant cannot provide evidence from AHPRA that the conditions and/or undertakings will be removed prior to the commencement of training, then the application will be assessed on the conditions and/or undertakings existing at the time of application.

Category 3

Where the conditions and/or undertakings **might prevent** an applicant from undertaking the AGPT Program, the review panel may request additional information from the applicant prior to making an informed and final decision.

Category 4

Where the conditions and/or undertakings **do not prevent** the applicant from undertaking the AGPT Program, applicants will be notified the conditions and/or undertakings attached to their registration can be accommodated in the AGPT Program. Applicants will be informed about the eligibility outcome if they have met other program entry requirements.

Outcome of Assessment by the review panel

An outcome of the assessment by the review panel and the eligibility outcome of the application will be communicated to applicants via email at the end of the eligibility process. Determinations made by the Review Panel will be final. Eligible and shortlisted applicants will progress to the final stage of the selection process and be invited to the Multiple Mini Interviews.

¹ Under level one supervision* the supervisor takes direct and principal responsibility for each individual patient.

1. The supervisor must be physically present at the workplace at all times when the medical practitioner is providing clinical care.
2. The medical practitioner must consult their supervisor about the management of all patients at the time of the consultation and before the patient leaves the practice.
3. Supervision via telephone contact or other telecommunications is not permitted.

* Adapted from the Medical Board of Australia definition

² A review might be 'triggered' by the conditions and/or undertakings or by the applicant seeking a review.

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