

# POLICIES UPDATE

## COLLEGE TRAINING PROGRAM POLICIES

ACRRM has reviewed and developed policies for the College Training Program to provide clarity and transparency and facilitate consistent decision making. The updated policies, effective from 1 July 2020, can be found on our website at [www.acrrm.org.au/training-policies](http://www.acrrm.org.au/training-policies).

While there is an increased number of policies, much of the content is a collection of existing policy positions included in the Fellowship Training and Assessment Handbooks. Also included are policy positions set through precedent but not previously formalised. The policies provide clarity around the responsibilities for registrars, training organisations and the College.

Reporting responsibilities included in these policies are summarised in the [Standards for Training Organisations- Appendix 1](#).

There are no new training program requirements for ACRRM registrars training on AGPT or RVTS pathways, therefore we do not foresee any adverse consequences for registrars resulting from the policy revisions. If concerns do arise please contact Lynn Saul, Standards and Accreditation Manager on [l.saul@acrrm.org.au](mailto:l.saul@acrrm.org.au) or 07 3105 8232.

The table below prioritises a summary of each policy change.

POLICY	COVERS	STATUS	CHANGES
<b>Eligibility for Training</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• First time applicants</li> <li>• Repeat applicants and</li> <li>• Applicants who have previously been accepted for training but not completed</li> <li>• Those eligible for IP but not Non-VR support</li> </ul>	Revised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unsuccessful applicants must have six months between applications</li> <li>• The College determines the suitability for doctors to re-enter training, in consultation with previous RTO if applicable.</li> <li>• IP eligibility requirement for 12 month hospital experience removed</li> </ul>
<b>Access to Training</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requirements of Disability Discrimination Act 1992</li> <li>• Reasonable adjustments</li> <li>• Selection into training and education and training while in training program</li> </ul>	New	
<b>Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requirements for RPL</li> <li>• Maximum RPL allowances</li> </ul>	Revised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Requirements for recency of experience revised</li> <li>• Maximum RPL for IP reduced to maximum 2 years</li> </ul>

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<b>Training Program Requirements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requirements for training, education, formative and summative assessments to complete the Training Program</li> </ul>	Revised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Combines CCT and PRRT into Core Generalist Training (CGT)</li> <li>Registrars commencing training at PGY2 must undertake the first 12 months (FTE) in a state or territory Postgraduate Medical Council (PMC) -accredited hospital.</li> <li>Registrars commencing training at PGY3 or above may commence training in either a PMC-accredited hospital or in an ACRRM-accredited primary or secondary care training post.</li> <li>CGT minimum requirement for both secondary care and EM is 12 weeks FTE at PGY2 or above</li> </ul>
	Detail on options to meet training program requirements continues to be provided in Training Handbook.	Revised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Continued refinement of options to meet requirements</li> <li>Options for ADF to cover R&amp;R through deployment added</li> </ul>
<b>Training Time</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Minimum training time for training for Core Generalist and Advanced Specialised stages of training</li> <li>What can count towards training time</li> <li>Defines full-time and part-time training</li> </ul>	Revised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Part-time training must be no less than 16 hours per week averaged over 12 months</li> <li>Approved courses of five or more days duration can count towards training time-eg Antarctica preparation or ADF courses</li> <li>Approved courses listed in Training Handbook.</li> </ul>
<b>Training Placements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Defines what counts towards training time includes:</li> <li>Location requirements</li> <li>Training post accreditation requirements</li> </ul>	Revised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Placements in MM2-7 locations with approved exceptions</li> <li>Placements 3 months and over must be in an ACRRM-accredited post</li> <li>Placements under 3 months may be in a post accredited by another specialist college or PMC</li> </ul>
<b>Overseas Training Placements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requirements to undertake training overseas</li> <li>Must be approved prospectively</li> <li>Cannot be undertaken during training on AGPT and RVTS</li> </ul>	Revised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Maximum 2 years can count from overseas training placements</li> </ul>
<b>Leave from Training</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Types of leave</li> <li>Statutory</li> <li>Additional</li> <li>Links to AGPT and RVTS pathway policies</li> </ul>	Existing	No change
<b>Transfers in Training</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Transfer from AGPT or RVTS to IP</li> </ul>	Existing	No change
<b>Performance and Progression</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requirement to demonstrate progression through training and increasing performance during training</li> <li>Defines the responsibilities for registrars, training organisations and College</li> </ul>	Existing	No change

<b>Registrar in Difficulty</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Defines doctor in difficulty</li> <li>• Defines responsibilities of registrars, supervisors, training organisations and the College if registrar identified as in difficulty</li> <li>• Links with Performance and Progression policy</li> </ul>	Supersedes content from the Doctor- in Training Review policy	No change
<b>Withdrawal from Training</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Types of withdrawal</li> <li>• Reasons for involuntary withdrawal</li> <li>• Actions the College will take following withdrawal</li> <li>• Links with Registrar in Difficulty policy</li> </ul>	Supersedes content from the Doctor- in Training Review policy	No change
<b>Assessment Eligibility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eligibility requirements to enrol in summative assessments</li> <li>• Rules around reattempting assessment</li> <li>• Undertaking assessments while on leave from training</li> </ul>	Revised	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clarifies eligibility for CBD and StAMPS is two years Core Generalist Training, ie not combination of AST and Core</li> <li>• Candidates enrolling for a third assessment attempt must submit support by Director of Training from his/her training organisation</li> <li>• Candidates seeking to enrol for a fourth assessment attempt require ACRRM Director of Training or Censor in Chief approval</li> </ul>
<b>Special Consideration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reasonable adjustments in assessment to accommodate for a disability, long term medical condition, breast feeding or for religious reasons</li> </ul>	Existing	No change

