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## **Policy on Training in Overseas Posts**

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### **1. Purpose**

ACRRM recognises the value of undertaking components of training in other countries, including experience of other health systems and health service delivery approaches. Therefore, ACRRM wishes to enable registrars training towards Fellowship of ACRRM the option of pursuing such training opportunities if they wish.

The purpose of this policy is to:

- outline the requirements related to training overseas; and
- enable training providers to develop procedures and systems to manage training of FACRRM registrars who wish to undertake training in other countries.

### **2. Related Documentation**

This policy should be read with reference to the following related documents:

- ACRRM Fellowship Vocational Training Handbook;
- ACRRM Primary Curriculum;
- Primary Rural and Remote Training Policy; and
- Advanced Specialised Training Policy.

### **3. Policy**

- 3.1 Overseas training experience may be counted towards FACRRM training time if it is of comparable quality to the training registrars would receive in Australia and if it meets ACRRM curriculum requirements and ACRRM standards.
- 3.2 The amount of overseas training time recognised towards FACRRM training would depend on the relevance of the post to ACRRM training requirements and the ACRRM curriculum.
- 3.3 An overseas post may be undertaken at any stage after the Core Clinical Training (12 month hospital rotations) requirements have been met.

### **4. Responsibilities**

- 4.1 Registrars must prospectively discuss with the training provider any intention to undertake portion training in another country. They must provide the training provider with relevant information on the overseas facility they plan to work in to assist in determining the suitability of the post.
- 4.2 Training providers must have local procedures to manage FACRRM registrars wishing to undertake part of their training overseas. These need to ensure that:
  - the registrar request is considered and submitted through training provider to the ACRRM Censor.
  - the overseas training period is planned well in advance;

- training meets all FACRRM training requirements, including assessment, record keeping attendance at educational sessions;
- the post is accreditable i.e. meets the ACRRM Standards for Supervisors and Teaching Posts;
- a detailed learning plan is documented;
- the registrar provides quarterly reports against their learning plan;
- high quality supervision is provided onsite or remotely (to meet ACRRM standards); and
- medical educator contacts are continued by phone/email and video taping where relevant.

4.3 All overseas training must be approved prospectively by the ACRRM Medical Advisor.

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