

Rural Generalist Training Scheme

INFORMATION FOR EMPLOYERS OF REGISTRARS

Thank you for seeking to employ a doctor who has been selected to train on the Rural Generalist Training Scheme (RGTS).

RGTS is a Commonwealth government funded scheme of the Independent Pathway to ACRRM Fellowship. Attainment of Fellowship (FACRRM) leads to registration as a specialist general practitioner with the Medical Board of Australia. Training program requirements are detailed in the [Fellowship Training Program Handbook](#).

Training placements and accreditation

ACRRM must approve all training placements and training must take place in training posts accredited by ACRRM. You can check accredited training posts on the ACRRM [website](#).

RGTS is a national program funded by the government and managed directly by ACRRM. Preference is given to training placements in currently accredited training posts. Training posts that are already accredited for ACRRM training through the Regional Training Organisations or Remote Vocational Training Scheme can train registrars on RGTS. The support and expectations for RGTS training posts are comparable with training an ACRRM registrar on AGPT.

Practices and health services not currently accredited may apply for accreditation, see [Supervisor and Training Post Standards](#). To find out more about becoming an accredited training post see [Supervisor and Training Post Standards](#) or email postaccreditation@acrrm.org.au.

Training

General practice training posts must employ the registrar on terms that are no less favourable than the [NTCER](#) applicable to the year in which the training placement occurs.

To gain Fellowship, registrars must have a broad range of experience across general practice, hospital inpatient care and emergency. At a minimum 12 months experience must be in a rural or remote community. The registrar may already have experience in some of these areas, but they will have specific requirements to cover during training.

The registrar should have involvement in all aspects of practice that can be offered by your training post or practice, for example nursing home visits, admitting patients to the hospital, providing after hours cover, being part of a broader health care team plus practice quality assurance activities such as clinical audit.

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Supervision

Supervision is required to be adjusted to the registrar's needs. The expectation for registrars who are new to general practice is that the supervisor is on-site 100% of the time for the first two months, 80% of the time for the remainder of first term, 50% for the second term and 25% for the remainder of the terms. When the registrar is working and the supervisor is not on-site, they must be available off-site.

Teaching

Registrars are required to have a minimum of three hours per week in practice teaching in the first six months of general practice training, one and half hours per week in the second six months and 45 minutes in the third six months.

A training practice report is required each three months and a supervisor report each six months or at the end of employment if less than six months. These forms are available on the [training resources webpage](#).

Teaching payments are tiered according to rurality, based on the MM classification of the training post. Information on RGTS payments is available on the [resources page](#).

Education

The registrar is supported by ACRRM medical educators and training team.

The registrar will participate in an education program provided by the College. The education program includes two five-day, workshops held virtually or face to face. These workshops are compulsory and are generally held in March and August. Registrars will require leave from work to attend.

There are also educational activities that registrars will need to attend virtually, usually in the evenings. There is also a requirement that they attend clinical skills training, including emergency medicine courses.

Benefits

Employing a doctor training towards a FACRRM on the RGTS will bring benefits to your practice. You will be employing a doctor who has made a commitment to working rurally and developing a broad general practice skill set.

Doctors have access to Medicare Provider Number and A1 rebates during training.

General practices receive practice and supervisor payments. Registrars receive payments during training to meet costs associated with training. A relocation allowance is also available for registrars moving to a rural location for training. All payments are tiered according to rurality, based on the MM classification of the training post. Information on RGTS payments is available on the [resources page](#).

If you wish to know more about the requirements for employing a doctor on RGTS, please contact the training team via email on training@acrrm.org.au or Free Call 1800 223 226.

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