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Training Time Policy

1. Purpose

This policy defines the minimum training time for registrars on the ACRRM Rural Generalist Fellowship Program.

2. Application and scope

The policy applies to registrars on the ACRRM Rural Generalist Fellowship Program.

3. Policy

3.1 Minimum training time:

- 3.1.1 The total training time to complete the ACRRM Rural Generalist Fellowship Program is a minimum of four years full time or equivalent part-time training from commencement of training. The four years consists of:
- 3.1.1.1 Core Generalist training time minimum is 36 months full time or equivalent part-time training.
 - 3.1.1.2 Advanced Specialised training time minimum is 12 months, full time or equivalent part-time training.

3.2 Maximum training time:

So that educational and clinical currency are maintained throughout training, registrars must complete all requirements within 10 calendar years from the commencement of training unless there are extenuating and unforeseen circumstances. This 10-year period includes all absences from training including leave.

3.3 Training time is accrued through the following:

- 3.3.1 Completing ACRRM approved/accredited training placements inclusive of clinical, education and administrative activities as per the National Terms and Conditions for the Employment of Registrars (NTCER).
- 3.3.2 Leave is included as per the Leave from Training policy.
- 3.3.3 Recognition of Prior Learning as per the Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) policy.

3.4 A maximum of 38 hours per week, averaged over 4 weeks, can be accrued as training time.

3.5 Part-time training must average no less than 16 hours per week over 4 weeks.

4. Responsibilities

4.1 Registrars are responsible for:

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Informing the College of any changes to approved placements including changes to full time equivalent

4.2 ACRRM is responsible for:

- Recording training time in approved and accredited placements
- Processing RPL applications as per the RPL policy

5. Related Documentation

[ACRRM Training Placement Policy](#)

[ACRRM Training Program Requirement Policy](#)

[ACRRM Recognition of Prior Learning Policy](#)

[ACRRM Fellowship Training Program Handbook](#)

[National Terms and Conditions for the Employment of Registrars \(NTCER\)](#)

6. Document Control Management

6.1 Policy information

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6.2 Document History

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V1.2	Jan 2026	Fellowship Manager	Change of Fellowship Program title to ACRRM Rural generalist Fellowship Program Addition of 10 year maximum training time information Inclusion of reference to RPL policy Defining full time training as over 4 weeks instead of 1 month Removal of duplicated reference to the Fellowship Education Program Inclusion of reference to National Terms and Conditions for the Employment of Registrars (NTCER) Updating of responsibilities Restructuring of content to improve user experience Removal of irrelevant definitions	Jan 2026	GM Education Services
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Previous system	June 2010	Accreditation and Standards Manager	Part-time training requirements defined	Jun 10	ELT/CEO
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