



WITHDRAWAL FROM TRAINING POLICY

1. Purpose

1.1 This policy defines:

1.1.1 Types of withdrawal from training

1.1.2 Reasons for actioning involuntary withdrawal from training

1.1.3 Actions that follow withdrawal from training

2. Application and scope

2.1. The policy applies to doctors in training on the:

2.1.1. Fellowship Training Program

2.1.2. Specialist Pathway and Rural Experienced Entry to Fellowship (REEF)

2.1.3. Advanced Specialised Training (AST) undertaken outside the Fellowship Training Program

3. Policy

3.1. There are two types of withdrawal:

3.1.1. voluntary withdrawal initiated by the doctor

3.1.2. involuntary withdrawal initiated by the College or Training Organisation

3.2. Voluntary withdrawal from the Independent Pathway (IP), Rural Generalist Training Scheme (RGTS), Specialist Pathway (SP), REEF or AST:

3.2.1. must be in writing to the College

3.2.2. is finalised by the College after a cooling off period of 28 calendar days.

3.3. Involuntary withdrawal from the IP, RGTS, SP, REEF or AST can be actioned by the College under the following circumstances:

3.3.1. poor performance or progression and refusal or failure to comply with additional support/ remediation measures

3.3.2. not able to demonstrate meeting training program requirements with significant additional support and/or reasonable adjustments

3.3.3. lapsing or removal of medical registration for more than six months

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- 3.3.4. conditions on medical registration that prevents a doctor in training from meeting training program requirements
- 3.3.5. failure to pay membership or training and assessment fees within 12 weeks of allocated time
- 3.4. Doctors in training can dispute the withdrawal actioned by the College using the ACRRM Reconsideration, Review and Appeals Policy
- 3.5. Voluntary and involuntary withdrawal from the AGPT is actioned in accordance with the AGPT Withdrawal policy
 - 1.1.4 Doctors in training can dispute withdrawal from training by a Regional Training Organisation initially to the Regional Training Organisation and then to the College through AGPT Appeals policy
- 3.6. Voluntary and involuntary withdrawal from the RVTS is actioned in accordance with the RVTS Withdrawal from Training policy
 - 3.6.1. Doctors in training can dispute withdrawal from training by RVTS using the RVTS Reconsiderations, Reviews and Appeals policy
- 3.7. Doctors in training may continue to participate in training and assessment until the end of cooling off period or appeals period.
- 3.8. Once the withdrawal is final:
 - 3.8.1. Medicare will be advised to remove the doctor from the Register of Approved Placements
 - 3.8.2. access to ACRRM training resources will be withdrawn
 - 3.8.3. for registrars ACRRM membership will continue at the Registrar member rate until membership renewal time; following this membership renewal will be at Ordinary member rate.
- 3.9. Doctors who have withdrawn voluntarily or been withdrawn involuntarily from ACRRM training can apply for re-entry to training in accordance with the Eligibility for Training policy.

4. Responsibilities

- 4.1. Doctors in training are responsible for notifying their Training Organisation in writing if they wish to withdraw from training.
- 4.2. Training Organisations are responsible for notifying the College of a withdrawal from training pathways.
- 4.3. RVTS is responsible for withdrawing a doctor in training from the RVTS Pathway.
- 4.4. The College is responsible for withdrawing a doctor in training from the IP, RGTS, AGPT, Specialist Pathway or AST.
- 4.5. The College is responsible for withdrawing a doctor in training from the ACRRM Training Program.

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5. Related Documentation

- 5.1. ACRRM Academic Code of Conduct
- 5.2. ACRRM Training Program Requirements
- 5.3. ACRRM Registrar in Difficulty Policy
- 5.4. ACRRM Academic Misconduct Policy
- 5.5. AGPT Withdrawal Policy
- 5.6. ACRRM Eligibility for Training Policy
- 5.7. RVTS Withdrawal from Training Policy
- 5.8. ACRRM Reconsideration Review and Appeals Policy

6. Definitions

Word/Term	Definition (with examples if required)
Training Organisation	A training organisation is the organisation who is responsible for training delivery and ensuring that training requirements are met. This is the Regional Training Organisations on the Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) program, Remote Vocational Training Scheme (RVTS) on this scheme or ACRRM on the Independent Pathway (IP) including for registrars with places on the Rural Generalist Training Scheme (RGTS).
Training Resources	Education and human resources that are available specifically for the ACRRM Fellowship Training Program

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