



FAQs for Rural Generalist Training

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What are the benefits of training under the AGPT Rural Generalist Policy 2019?

The *AGPT Rural Generalist Policy 2019* provides additional flexibility for registrars on the AGPT Program who are selected to pursue and committed to Rural Generalist Training.

The flexibility available through this policy includes the easing of restrictions around transfers between training regions, and time available for training in recognition that a registrar may need to undertake more than one skills training term to best meet community need.

I am interested in Rural Generalist Training, how can I train under the AGPT Rural Generalist Policy?

It is recommended that applicants who are considering indicating their interest in Rural Generalist Training read the [AGPT Rural Generalist Policy 2019](#).

During the selection process, applicants must indicate their interest in training under the Rural Generalist Training Policy by selecting the appropriate option under 'Section D4' of the application form. Applicants must also select the rural pathway and be seeking to work towards fellowship of Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) or Fellowship of Royal Australian College of General Practice (RACGP) combined with Fellowship of Advanced Rural General Practice (FARGP) in order to be considered to train under the policy.

FACRRM

All of the ACRRM training places are considered suitable to train under the *AGPT Rural Generalist Policy 2019*.

FRACGP combined with FARGP

If the applicant has indicated their interest in Rural Generalist Training, RACGP may make contact and offer the applicant the opportunity to train under the *AGPT Rural Generalist Policy 2019*.

Do I need to be enrolled in a State/Territory Rural Generalist Program to train under the AGPT Rural Generalist Policy?

Applicants do not need to be enrolled in a State/Territory Rural Generalist Program in order to train under the *AGPT Rural Generalist Policy 2019*.

Applicants applying for selection onto the AGPT Program for 2020, will be asked to indicate their interest in Rural Generalist/Rural Hospital/Procedural Practice at the point of applying.

If an applicant is offered a training place through the ACRRM selection process, they will be offered the opportunity to train under this policy.

If an applicant has indicated their interest in training towards FRACGP combined with FARGP, the RACGP will offer up to 150 registrars the opportunity to train under this policy.

All AGPT registrars training on the AGPT Program prior to 2019 and who are enrolled in a State/Territory Rural Generalist Program will be given the opportunity to train under this policy.

What if I am not ready to commit to undertaking Rural Generalist Training through the AGPT Program via ACRRM at the point of applying for selection, can I pick it up later in training?

In order to train under the *AGPT Rural Generalist Policy 2019* applicants must select ACRRM and indicate their interest by selecting Rural Generalist/Rural Hospital/Procedural Practice at the point of applying for selection onto the AGPT Program.

All of the ACRRM training places are considered suitable to train under the *AGPT Rural Generalist Policy 2019*.

What if I am not ready to commit to undertaking Rural Generalist Training through the AGPT Program via FARGP combined with RACGP, can I pick it up later in training?

In order to train under the *AGPT Rural Generalist Policy 2019*, applicants must select FARGP combined with FRACGP at the point of applying for selection onto the AGPT Program.

What kinds of skills training can be undertaken as part of the Rural Generalist Training through the AGPT Program?

Registrars can undertake their skills training as per the requirements of the relevant GP College.

For ACRRM this includes:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health;
- Academic Practice;
- Adult Internal Medicine;
- Anaesthetics (JCCA)*;
- Emergency Medicine;
- Mental Health;
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology (DRANZCOG Advanced)**;
- Paediatrics;
- Population Health;
- Remote Medicine; or
- Surgery (24 months).

For RACGP this includes:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health;

- Academic Practice;
- Adult Internal Medicine;
- Anaesthetics (JCCA)*;
- Child Health;
- Emergency Medicine;
- Mental Health;
- Small Town Rural General Practice;
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology (DRANZCOG/DRANZCOG Advanced)**;
- Palliative Care;
- Surgery; and
- An advanced rural skill as determined by the RACGP Rural Censor.

Other Skills Training may be approved by the Relevant College upon application and provided it is documented in the registrar's learning plan.

**JCCA – Joint Consultative Committee on Anaesthesia*

***DRANZCOG – Advanced Diploma of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists*