



FAQs for the AGPT Program Entry in 2020

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Please read the answers carefully and if you have any further questions please contact the Department of Health on 1800 DR AGPT (1800 37 2478) or +61 2 6289 2666 if calling from overseas, or email AGPTEligibility@health.gov.au Monday to Friday 8:30am – 5:00pm AEDT / AEST*.

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Section One: Eligibility

Am I eligible to apply for the AGPT Program?

To be eligible, you must:

- Be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or an Australian permanent resident.
- Have recognised medical qualifications.
- Hold, or expect to hold, general medical registration prior to the commencement of the training year (3 February 2020).
- If required by your regional training organisation or the relevant GP College(s) Be willing to cease training on any other vocational training programs, if you are successful in gaining a training position on the AGPT Program.
- (For overseas trained doctors only) Have fulfilled all requirements of the Australian Medical Council (AMC) or the Competent Authority pathway if you obtained your medical qualification outside of Australia or New Zealand.

For more information please refer to the *2020 Program Eligibility Guide* on page 6 of the *2020 AGPT Eligibility Guidelines* or contact the Department of Health on 1800 DR AGPT (1800 37 2478) or AGPTEligibility@health.gov.au if you have any questions regarding your eligibility.

If I send you my CV, can you tell me if I'm eligible to apply?

The Department of Health can only determine eligibility by examining a submitted application and supporting documents. To self-assess your eligibility:

- Establish your current citizenship and/or residency status and your current medical qualifications.
- Download the *2020 AGPT Eligibility Guidelines* from the AGPT website (agpt.com.au).
- Use the *2020 AGPT Program Eligibility Guide flowchart* in the *2020 AGPT Eligibility Guidelines* to self-assess your eligibility.

I graduated in Australia; do I need to be an Australian citizen or permanent resident to apply?

Applications can be accepted from temporary residents (who hold a 457, 820, 309 or 482 visa subclass) who obtained their primary medical qualification in Australia or New Zealand. However, the following additional documentation is required:

- Provision of a current application for Australian permanent residency.
OR
- Completion of the 'Temporary resident applicant declaration' stating that you will gain Australian permanent residency prior to completing your AGPT training (457 and 482 visa holders only).

If you are not yet an Australian permanent resident it is your responsibility to ensure that your current visa allows you to work as an AGPT registrar.

Use the *2020 Program Eligibility Guide flow chart* in the *2020 AGPT Eligibility Guidelines* to self-assess eligibility status.

I have a 457subclass visa – am I eligible to apply for the AGPT Program?

1. Are you an Australian trained doctor?

You may be eligible to apply if you meet the following requirements:

- Hold or expect to hold general medical registration by the commencement of the 2020 training year (3 February 2020).
- Provide a letter of support from the regional training organisation (RTO) within your preferred training region, confirming the RTO can support your AGPT training within the restrictions of your visa.

AND



- Provide a Statutory Declaration stating your intention to obtain Australian permanent residency or Australian/New Zealand citizenship prior to the completion of your AGPT training.

OR

- Provide evidence of an active Australian permanent residency application.

Please note: Only selected RTOs are able to support 457 and Temporary Skills Shortage (TSS) 482 visa holders for the AGPT Program in 2020. A full list of RTOs who are able to support 457 and TSS 482 visa holders is available on the AGPT Website. .

Due to individual visa requirements the Department of Health and RTOs are not able to sponsor 457 and TSS 482 visa holders.

2. Are you an overseas-trained doctor?

Overseas-trained doctors residing on a 457 visa are ineligible for the AGPT Program, unless they receive Australian permanent residency prior to the close of applications (10:00 am AEST Monday 29 April 2019).

I have a Temporary Skills Shortage (TSS) 482 subclass visa –am I eligible to apply for the AGPT Program?

1. Are you an Australian trained doctor?

You may be eligible to apply if you meet the following requirements:

- Hold or expect to hold general medical registration by the commencement of the 2020 training year (3 February 2020).
- Provide a letter of support from the regional training organisation (RTO) within your preferred training region, confirming the RTO can support your AGPT training within the restrictions of your visa.

AND

- Provide a Statutory Declaration stating your intention to obtain Australian permanent residency or Australian/New Zealand citizenship prior to the completion of your AGPT training.

OR

- Provide evidence of an active Australian permanent residency application.

Please note: Only selected RTOs are able to accept 482 visa holders for the AGPT Program in 2020. A full list of RTOs who are able to accept 482 visa holders is available on the AGPT Website.

The Department of Health and RTOs are not able to sponsor 482 visa holders.

The 482 visa is split into three streams:

- Short stream
- Medium Stream
- Labour Agreement

All streams have their own visa obligations, it is your responsibility to ensure you comply with all your visa obligations/restrictions.

2. Are you an overseas-trained doctor?

Overseas-trained doctors residing on a 482 visa are ineligible for the AGPT Program, unless they receive Australian permanent residency prior to the close of applications (10:00 am AEST Monday 29 April 2019).



I'm already an AGPT registrar or in another general practice training program – can I apply?

If you are a current registrar in the AGPT Program you must formally resign and provide evidence of your resignation acceptance with your new AGPT application for the 2020 AGPT Program, prior to 10:00 am AEST Monday 29 April 2019.

If you are enrolled in the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) Independent Pathway, the Remote Vocational Training Scheme (RVTS) or the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) Practice Experience Pathway (PEP) you must provide a statutory declaration of your intention to withdraw prior to the commencement of the 2020 training year.

I'm in another program not leading to specialist general practitioner registration – can I apply?

If you are enrolled in any other vocational training program you must agree to the applicant declaration in your online application, stating that if required by the RTO within your training region and/or the ACRRM and/or the RACGP, you will resign from your other training program.

You are strongly advised to discuss your training plans with the RTO who occupies your preferred training region before you apply. A list of RTO contacts is available on the AGPT website (agpt.com.au).

Section Two: Eligibility – Qualifications and Experience

I'm an overseas trained doctor and expect to hold general registration late in 2019, can I apply?

Your application may be deemed eligible if you expect to receive general medical registration by the commencement date of the training year (3 February 2020). However, an offer of a training place on the AGPT Program will be conditional on you gaining general registration by the commencement of training. If you do not receive general registration prior to the commencement of training, your RTO may withdraw your training place offer.

What is the difference between an AMC candidate and an AMC graduate?

An Australian Medical Council (AMC) candidate is an overseas trained doctor (OTD) who is currently undertaking the AMC exams, but has not completed all of the AMC requirements. If you have not completed all of the AMC requirements and have received your AMC certificate prior to 29 April 2019 you will not be eligible to apply for the AGPT Program in 2020.

An AMC graduate is an OTD who has completed all aspects of the AMC requirements and has received their AMC certificate. AMC graduates must supply their AMC certificate.

I will be sitting my final AMC examination after applications have closed can I still apply?

No. If your medical degree was not obtained in Australia or New Zealand you must have successfully completed and passed all the requirements of the AMC before the closing date of applications (10:00 am AEST Monday 29 April 2019). You must include details of your AMC certificate as part of your application.

I am a Competent Authority pathway applicant – what do I need to provide?

Applicants who commenced on the Competent Authority pathway after 1 July 2014 will not be awarded an AMC certificate. If an applicant undertaking the Competent Authority pathway currently holds general registration, no further supporting documentation is required.

If an applicant undertaking the Competent Authority pathway currently holds provisional registration, they must provide a copy of their Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) 12 month supervision letter to support their 2019 AGPT Program application.

I have a question about mandatory hospital rotations

Mandatory hospital rotations do not need to be completed prior to application and entry into the AGPT Program. The following list provides a guide to the mandatory rotations required.

Postgraduate Year (PGY 1)—Rotations required to achieve general registration

- Medicine
- Surgery
- Emergency

Postgraduate Year (PGY 2) or later—Fellowship requirements

ACRRM ideally:

- Paediatrics
- Obstetrics and gynaecology
- Anaesthetics

RACGP:

- Paediatrics
- Three rotations of choice relevant to general practice

Refer to the ACRRM and/or RACGP's documents below and ask the RTO in your preferred training region for more detailed information:

- ACRRM—*Fellowship Training Handbook* visit acrrm.org.au > 'Training towards fellowship' > 'Overview of training with the college'.
- RACGP— Vocational Training Pathway – Requirements for Fellowship Policy visit racgp.org.au > racgp.org.au/education/registrars/fellowship-pathways/policy-framework/policies/vocational-training-requirements-for-fellowship; and 'Paediatric Term Requirements' Guidance Document visit racgp.org.au and search 'paediatric term' for further information.

Questions about mandatory rotations are best directed towards either:

Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM)
Telephone: 1800 223 226
Website: acrrm.org.au
Email: training@acrrm.org.au

OR

The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP)
Telephone: 1800 472 247
Website: racgp.org.au
Email: racgpeducation@racgp.org.au

Alternatively contact the regional training organisation (RTO) in your preferred training region, who can direct you to the relevant medical education team to discuss. Contact information for the RTOs can be found on the AGPT website at [Training Organisations](#) .

I have a question about recognition of prior learning (RPL)

Questions regarding RPL are best directed to the RTO of your preferred training region and/or your preferred College: the ACRRM and/or the RACGP.

Contact information for the ACRRM, RACGP and RTOs is listed above.

The RTO will assist registrars in preparing an RPL application. The relevant college censor (ACRRM/RACGP) will assess the RPL application.

Section Three: The Application Process

- 1. Applications open: 10:00 am AEDT Monday 25 March 2019**
Applications close: 10:00 am AEST Monday 29 April 2019
Applicants must register for the AGPT Program through the ACRRM and/or the RACGP's website. They then complete and submit an online application, supporting documentation, referee details and training region preferences.
- 2. Eligibility: 25 March – 4 June 2019:** Applications and supporting documents will be checked by the AGPT Eligibility team within the Department of Health, to establish eligibility for the AGPT Program.
Any questions about eligibility or application requirements should be directed to the Department of Health at AGPTEligibility@health.gov.au or 1800 DR AGPT (1800 37 2478).
- 3. Assessment and Selection: 5 June – 16 August 2019:** Once applicants are deemed eligible, applicant information will be forwarded to the ACRRM and/or the RACGP, for selection and possible training place offers.

For further information on the selection process please contact:

ACRRM

- **Telephone:** 1800 223 226
- **Email:** training@acrrm.org.au
- **Website:** acrrm.org.au

RACGP

- **Telephone:** 1800 472 247
- **Email:** racgpeducation@racgp.org.au
- **Website:** racgp.org.au

Can I apply for both the ACRRM and the RACGP?

Applicants for the AGPT Program in 2020 who want to apply for both the ACRRM and the RACGP have two options:

- 1. Apply for both the ACRRM and the RACGP as a dual fellowship applicant**

Applicants wishing to pursue fellowship with both ACRRM and the RACGP while on the AGPT Program must indicate this in the application and be successful in both colleges' selection processes in the same year. Dual fellowship applicants must:

- Nominate identical training region preferences on the rural pathway;
- Pay both college application fees; and
- Successfully complete all college assessments.

Dual fellowship applicants can only be accepted onto the AGPT Program in 2020 if they are offered a training place in the **same training region** and on the **rural pathway** with both colleges.

- 2. Apply for both the ACRRM and the RACGP, separately**

Applicants for the AGPT Program in 2020 can apply for both colleges separately. If an applicant chooses to apply through both colleges' processes, they must pay both college application fees and complete all relevant college assessments.



Applicants applying for both colleges separately can only accept one college training place offer. I haven't received my registration email – what do I do?

You should receive an email confirming your registration promptly after registering. If you have not received your email within two hours, please contact the Department of Health on 1800 DR AGPT (1800 37 2478) or AGPTEligibility@health.gov.au; do not re-register unless requested to do so.

Please ensure you have checked your junk and spam email folders.

I'm reapplying, but can't find my previous applicant ID

If you have forgotten your applicant ID (which is also your username) email AGPTEligibility@health.gov.au with:

- Full name used to register
- Email address used to register
- Date of birth

Once this information is received we will email you your applicant ID number.

If you have forgotten your password, please visit the application login page and click the '**Forgot Password?**' button.

This will generate a code for you to enter. Enter the code and your applicant ID and click the '**Reset**' button. This will send an email to your nominated email address with a link to reset your password. To complete the process you will need to access the link through your email account and input:

- First name
- Last name
- Date of birth
- Answer to your identity question

Once you have completed all of the fields, click the '**Reset**' button and you will be emailed a new password.

Please note: You are able to change your password from within your applicant portal by logging in and selecting '**Change Password**' on the left side of the screen.

I'm having technical difficulties with the online application system

Contact the Department of Health on 1800 DR AGPT (1800 37 2478) between 8:30 am to 5:00 pm AEDT/AEST or email AGPTEligibility@health.gov.au. It is preferred that you are online when you call and please have the following information ready:

- Applicant ID; and
- Any error messages

How do I make changes to my submitted application?

Once your application has been submitted, only a member of the AGPT Eligibility team can amend your application. This will only be permitted in certain circumstances, such as:

- A referee, or referee contact information, needs to be updated;
- An exemption to Section 19AB is granted; or
- Incorrect information was recorded, and needs to be updated.

The only exception to this is if you wish to edit your contact details. You are able to log into your applicant portal and click the '**edit contact details**' link on the left hand side, and update these.

Changes to your submitted application can only be made prior to 4 June 2019.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the AGPT Eligibility team at AGPTEligibility@health.gov.au

My name has changed – what do I do?

If your name has changed since you submitted your online application and you wish to update it, email the following information to AGPTEligibility@health.gov.au:

- Applicant ID;
- Proof of your name change, such as marriage certificate or name change certificate; and
- Your authorisation for us to change your application.

If your name has previously changed resulting in your mandatory documents varying from each other, it is an eligibility requirement that you provide official documentary evidence of your name change. If you do not provide sufficient evidence of your name change you may be required to submit a statutory declaration, which can be found on the AGPT website (agpt.com.au).

Please note: If requested by the Department of Health, the statutory declaration is a mandatory document and without it your application may not progress.

I want to withdraw my application – what do I do?

Email AGPTEligibility@health.gov.au instructing us to withdraw your application and the reason for your withdrawal. You will receive a confirmation email once your application has been withdrawn.

I've submitted my application but haven't received the confirmation email – what do I do?

You should receive a confirmation email promptly after submitting your application. If you have not received your confirmation email within 24 hours, please contact the Department of Health on 1800 DR AGPT (1800 37 2478) or AGPTEligibility@health.gov.au.

Please note: If applications are due to close within the next 24 hours, contact the AGPT Eligibility team, Department of Health immediately. Please ensure you check your junk and spam email folders.

I've missed the application deadline– can I submit a late application?

No. The application dates are well publicised and late applications will not be accepted.

Can I apply as a joint applicant?

Yes, your AGPT application can be considered with another applicant. To be considered as joint applicants, both applicants must:

- Provide the details of the other applicant within their application, including their full name and current applicant ID
- Submit identical training region and pathway preferences.

Joint applicants are based on the lowest applicant's selection score, as determined by the ACRRM and/or the RACGP's assessment processes.

I am an Australian Defence Force (ADF) doctor – what does this mean for my AGPT application?

ADF applicants applying for the AGPT Program are required to:

- Confirm they are a full-time serving ADF member;
- Provide their service (i.e. Navy/Army/Air Force) and PMKeyS number; and
- Notify the ADF Medical Officer Professional and Career Development Committee (MOPCDC) Secretariat of their intention to apply for the AGPT Program by emailing mopcdc.secretariat@defence.gov.au

Please note: ADF applicants are required to nominate training region preferences in the region they expect to be posted in, from 3 February 2020.

Applicants who will cease full-time service with the ADF before 3 February 2020 will be processed as a non-ADF applicant.

Section Four: The Application Process – Your Documents

Do I have to get all of my documents certified?

Applicants are required to upload their supporting documentation, and certification is not required if the original documents are scanned in colour and uploaded. If your original document is black and white, this will require certification prior to being uploaded to your online application.

The *2020 AGPT Eligibility Guidelines* provides further guidance on certification requirements. The Department of Health can only accept certified documents that meet these requirements.

Do I have to get my photo certified before I upload it?

No. Your recent colour photo does not need to be certified.

I don't have a scanner – how can I digitise my documents?

Clear, colour photographs of your documents can be submitted, however ensure that the images are sufficiently sharp and detailed for the Department of Health to establish authenticity and validity.

How do I get my scanned documents small enough to upload?

- Scanned documents must each be 2MB or less;
- JPG and GIF file formats usually allow the user to set the resolution and colour depth;
- Scans should not need to be more than 300dpi. The colour depth does not need to be any more than 16 bit; and
- Scanning to PDF often gives a good result and a small file size.

Please note: the Department of Health cannot offer any further technical support in the preparation of your scanned documents.

What is an academic transcript?

Your academic transcript contains a detailed list of the units or modules you completed and when you completed them. An academic transcript can also be called an 'academic record' or 'mark sheet'.

I don't have an academic transcript – what do I do?

If you do not have an academic transcript, you can usually request a copy from the institution which originally awarded your qualification.

Does my medical registration have to be certified?

You may provide proof of listing from the AHPRA online 'Register of Practitioners' that is not certified. The Department of Health can accept non-certified screen captures, provided the information on the AHPRA listing matches the information provided in your application. If you are providing your AHPRA registration certificate or card you must provide a clear, colour scan of the original document.

I've submitted my application but I need to upload an extra document – what do I do?

Should additional documents be required after you have submitted your online application, you will be able to submit the required documentation via your applicant portal. This option will only become available when the Department of Health has requested a document. Once you have submitted your additional document, and a member of the Department of Health has reviewed the document, you will receive a confirmation email.

Alternatively, applicants can email documents to AGPTEligibility@health.gov.au, ensuring your applicant ID is in the subject title.

Section Five: Referees

Who can be my referee?

Ideally a referee should be a medical practitioner who has supervised you for a period of four weeks or longer within the past three years by 1 June 2019.

You will need to select referees who are able to confidently make judgements about your current skills and abilities, experience and work performance and suitability for general practice. Registrars are also suitable as referees, as long as they meet the above criteria.

If you are unable to nominate referees who meet the above criteria you should contact the Department of Health at AGPTEligibility@health.gov.au to discuss your particular circumstances.

Please note: A referee request via phone cannot be accepted.

The Department of Health will not make contact with an applicant's referee. However the RTOs, the ACRRM and/or the RACGP may contact referees as part of the assessment process to select applicants into AGPT.

Referees nominated by applicants applying through ACRRM will be required to submit a short, online report as part of the college's AGPT selection process. For more information about this requirement, please contact ACRRM.

Do I need a referee's permission to include them in my application?

Yes. You will be giving us personal information about referees, such as their contact details. They must give you permission to share that personal information. The Department of Health recommends that you obtain permission from your referees as soon as possible.

You will be required to declare in your application that you have your referee's permission.

Do I need to ask my referees to provide a written letter?

The Department of Health will not make contact with an applicant's referee, however the RTOs, the ACRRM and/or the RACGP may contact referees as part of the assessment process to select applicants into AGPT.

Can I use referees from overseas?

Yes, however overseas referees are required to provide evidence that they are a registered medical practitioner, with an English translation if required. Referees may need to communicate via telephone or email; applicants should keep this in mind when selecting referees.

Can my supervisor from a student clinical placement be a referee?

For applicants who are interns, referees can be supervisors from clinical placements. For applicants who are not interns, it is preferable to have a referee who has fully supervised them for a placement of four weeks or more.

You may nominate referees who will have directly supervised you for a period of four weeks or longer within the past three years, by 1 June 2019.

For other applicants who have difficulties with referees, contact the Department of Health on 1800 DR AGPT (1800 37 2478) or AGPTEligibility@health.gov.au.

Section Six: Pathway Choices

What are the pathway choices?

There are two pathways on the AGPT Program; the General Pathway and the Rural Pathway.

The *General Pathway* is for doctors who choose to train primarily in inner and outer metropolitan locations. There are a range of benefits and opportunities commensurate with training on the General Pathway, for example:

- access to specialist training such as mental health, addiction medicine, paediatrics, anaesthetics, surgery and obstetrics; and
- access to mentors and professional relationships.

AGPT registrars on the General Pathway must undertake twelve months of their training in a prescribed location. Refer to the AGPT Training Obligations Policy 2019 at agpt.com.au for further information.

Some RTOs may have restrictions on where some General Pathway registrars are able to train. For further information see the AGPT Policies in effect 1 January 2019 at agpt.com.au.

The *Rural Pathway* encompasses a large percentage of Australia reaching from towns on the fringe of capital cities, to regional coastal areas and remote outback locations.

This pathway offers a range of benefits and opportunities commensurate with the work of rural general practice, for example:

- access to specialist training such as mental health, addiction medicine, paediatrics, anaesthetics, surgery and obstetrics;
- opportunity to develop and consolidate an extended scope of practice working more closely with local communities;
- hospital and community-based primary care;
- contributing to addressing the health needs of communities with decreased access to health care;
- working alongside retrieval medicine teams;
- access to mentors and professional relationships which may not be possible in metropolitan areas;
- increased earning capacity—possible access to financial incentives not available in metropolitan locations; and
- being immersed into local communities and lifestyle benefits of country living.

Doctors who apply for the Rural Pathway can enrol with either of the colleges or both. If you are applying for the Rural Pathway, there is an expectation that you will live and work in the community.

What is the Modified Monash (MM) Model?

Under the Modified Monash Model, all locations in Australia are placed in one of seven categories of rural location. This ranges from MM1 (populated major city) to MM7 (Areas on a populated island that is separated from the mainland in the ABS geography and is more than 5km offshore. Please refer to the below table for further information. All ACRRM positions are on the rural pathway.

Modified Monash Category	Inclusions
MM 1	All areas categorised ASGS-RA1.
MM 2	Areas categorised ASGS-RA 2 and ASGS-RA 3 that are in, or within 20km road distance, of a town with population >50,000.
MM 3	Areas categorised ASGS-RA 2 and ASGS-RA 3 that are not in MM 2 and are in, or within 15km road distance, of a town with population between 15,000 and 50,000.
MM 4	Areas categorised ASGS-RA 2 and ASGS-RA 3 that are not in MM 2 or MM 3, and are in, or within 10km road distance, of a town with population between 5,000 and 15,000.
MM 5	All other areas in ASGS-RA 2 and 3.
MM 6	All areas categorised ASGS-RA 4 that are not on a populated island that is separated from the mainland in the ABS geography and is more than 5km offshore.
MM 7	All other areas – that being ASGS-RA 5 and areas on a populated island that is separated from the mainland in the ABS geography and is more than 5km offshore.

Table sourced from <http://www.doctorconnect.gov.au/internet/otd/publishing.nsf/Content/Classification-changes>

Does Section 19AB of the Health Insurance Act 1973 apply to me?

Use the *Pathway Eligibility Guide* in the 2020 AGPT Eligibility Guidelines, available from the AGPT website (agpt.com.au) to determine which pathway/s you are eligible for.

If you are subject to Section 19AB (also known as the 10 year moratorium), you are restricted to nominating rural pathway preferences only.

Am I exempt from Section 19AB of the Health Insurance Act 1973?

Applicants requiring more detailed information about their individual circumstances in relation to Section 19AB (including eligibility for an exemption) should contact the Department of Health, Access Programs Section by emailing 19AB@health.gov.au.

Please note: Be sure to advise them you are applying for the AGPT Program. Decisions on exemptions may take some time; the Department of Health advises applicants who wish to apply for an exemption, to do so prior to applying for the AGPT Program in 2020.

Applicants applying for the AGPT Program through the RACGP's selection process who have applied for a Section 19AB exemption, but have not received a response by the close of applications (10:00 am AEST 29 April 2019) will be required to nominate training region preferences on the rural

pathway. If you then receive a letter of exemption from the Department of Health, you will be able to resubmit your training region preferences, provided the AGPT Eligibility team is advised prior to 10:00 am AEST 4 June 2019. The Department of Health will manually change your preferences in your online application.

Any requests to change preferences after 4 June 2019 must be referred to the ACRRM and/or the RACGP for their consideration.

Can I reduce my moratorium requirement through scaling?

Doctors subject to Section 19AB of the *Health Insurance Act 1973* can reduce their moratorium requirements (currently 10 years) by up to five years, depending on the Modified Monash Model (MM) of the location where they practice.

For more information, refer to the doctorconnect.gov.au 'First steps' > 'Medicare provider number legislation'.

I don't have a drivers licence – is this a problem?

It is not an eligibility requirement for you to have driver's licence; however placement in some practices may not be available if you do not hold a current Australian drivers licence and/or independent means of transport.

You should discuss this with the RTO in the training region(s) you are considering nominating, to establish any restrictions this may place on you.

Do I have to make more than one training region preference?

No, you may choose to only nominate one training region preference. Applicants can nominate up to four preferences in their online application.

If I apply for the general pathway, can all of my training be in an urban area?

The general pathway provides opportunities for registrars to train in urban, rural and remote settings (i.e. MM 1-7 locations) within their training region. A training place on the general pathway does not guarantee that registrars will be able to undertake all of their training in an urban location. The training placement of a registrar is based on a range of factors including the registrar's educational requirements and interests, the geography of the training region, and the workforce distribution requirement that registrars must complete 12 months of their training in a prescribed location (see below*).

Applicants are encouraged to contact the RTO in their preferred training region to find out more about the training opportunities available in each region, before submitting their final preferences.

*The location options available to registrars include:

- Twelve months training in a rural location classified MM2-7; or
- Twelve months in an outer metropolitan location; or
- Twelve months training in a non-capital city classified as MM1; or
- Twelve months training in an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health training post in an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health service or other approved Aboriginal Medical Service; or
- Twelve months training comprising two of the following:
 - Six months training in an outer metropolitan location; or
 - Six months training in a rural location classified MM2-7; or
 - Six months training in a non-capital city classified MM1; or
 - Six months training in an Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health training post in an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health service or other approved Aboriginal Medical Service.

My regional training organisation (RTO) manages more than one region – what does that mean?

Some RTOs manage more than one training region. Applicants who are interested in training in these regions must be aware of the following:

1. The three training regions covering the ACT and NSW are managed by one RTO. However, each region is run independently of the others.
2. If the location in which an applicant would like to train appears to straddle two or more regions, applicants should contact the relevant RTOs to determine the exact region in which the location falls.

Section Eight: Assessment and Selection

Where can I find information about the application and selection process/es?

Information about the application process can be found on the AGPT website at agpt.com.au including:

- The 2020 AGPT Eligibility Guidelines
- *General Practice Training in Australia – The Guide* (provides an overview of the available training pathways to Fellowship).

For further information on eligibility for the AGPT program contact the Department of Health by:

- **Telephone:** 1800 DR AGPT (1800 37 2478)
International calls: +61 2 6289 2666
(8.30 am–5:00 pm AEST Monday to Friday)
- **Email:** AGPTeligibility@health.gov.au
- **Website:** agpt.com.au

For information about ACRRM's selection process, including assessment components and requirements contact ACRRM by:

- **Telephone:** 1800 223 226
- **Email:** AGPT@acrmm.org.au
- **Website:** acrmm.org.au

Information about the RACGP's selection process, including assessment components and requirements contact RACGP by:

- **Telephone:** 1800 472 247
- **Email:** racgpeducation@racgp.org.au
- **Website:** racgp.org.au