

GPET Update

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Revised RACGP standards to apply from 2008

The GPET Board held its final meeting for 2007 on Monday, by teleconference, and agreed to support in principle the final 2005 RACGP *Standards for General Practice Education and Training* (available at www.racgp.org.au/vocationaltraining/standards). GPET has contacted regional training providers (RTPs) to advise that the revised standards are to be implemented from January 2008 for registrars who commenced training in or after 2008 and elect to train towards the FRACGP end point qualification. During the transition to the revised standards, the RACGP has agreed to observe a 'period of grace' in 2008 for any inadvertent non-compliance with the standards. For registrars who commenced the AGPT program before 2008, the 2001 RACGP *Standards* will apply.

GPET meets with key stakeholders

GPET held a number of important stakeholder meetings this month. Board and executive members met with RTP CEOs on 10 December in Sydney to brief them on draft strategic aims being developed for GPET Ltd and the AGPT program. Other issues included financial reporting and management of accumulated funds; the Remote Outreach Vocational Education (ROVE) pilots; the new RACGP standards; FACRRM implementation and practice accreditation.

On 5 December the GPET executive met with the executive of the National General Practice Supervisors Association (NGPSA). Issues included a briefing on the AGPT program; the GPET strategic review; training capacity; funding issues impacting on supervisors; the new RACGP standards; FACRRM implementation; minimum terms and conditions for registrars; and establishment of an ongoing GPET/NGPSA consultative forum.

Finally, a meeting with the GPRA executive on 13 December included an update on the General Practice Students Network; FACRRM; minimum terms and conditions; 2008 selection outcomes; and arrangements between GPET and GPRA for the annual registrar forum.

Flexible entry pilots

GPET is seeking applications from doctors wishing to join the AGPT program under a limited pilot 'flexible entry' training opportunity. For more information please go to <http://www.agpt.com.au/praxis.php/news/view/57>.

Happy festive season/GPET office closure

The GPET office will be closed from COB on Friday 21 December, reopening on Wednesday 2 January 2008. We wish all registrars, supervisors, educators, RTP staff and their families the very best for the festive season.

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