



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Australian General Practice Training Program?

The Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) Program is an Australian government initiative that provides training for doctors to obtain general practice Fellowship and gain specialist registration.

The AGPT Program is three to four years of full-time training offered in urban, regional and rural locations nationally. It comprises hospital training, general practice placements and extended skills training.

How do I know if I am eligible for the program?

Eligibility for the program is assessed by the Department of Health (DoH). Further information regarding eligibility requirements is available at www.agpt.com.au by emailing AGPTeligibility@health.gov.au or by calling 1800 372 478.

What will I need to submit as part of my application?

Visit www.agpt.com.au for details on the documentation required as part of your application for the AGPT Program.

How do I know which regional training organisation (RTO) I should apply to train with?

In order to decide which RTO you would like to train with, it is recommended that you contact the RTOs you are interested in and ask them questions to help inform your decision. Selecting more than one training preference gives you the best chance of securing a placement in the AGPT Program. Refer to page 23 for a list of the RTOs, their contact details and links to their websites.

Can I transfer between RTOs during my training?

Registrars in the AGPT Program remain in their training region for the duration of their training. Applicants should not nominate a training region they are not willing to train in for the entire AGPT Program and if necessary, relocate to.

Transfers between training regions and pathways are restricted and never guaranteed. For more information, please visit www.agpt.com.au

How much does AGPT cost?

Eligible candidates are required to pay a selection fee of \$725 to participate in the RACGP selection process. The Australian government funds all training and education costs. AGPT Program participants also receive a guaranteed salary while in training in accord with the National Terms and Conditions for the Employment of Registrars (NTCER) available at www.gpra.org.au

The only other costs are to sit your exams and membership fees.

What is the difference between the rural pathway and general pathway with the RACGP?

The Fellowship of The Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (FRACGP) is the same program for both the general and rural pathways; however, the context that the registrar is in significantly influences how those skills are utilised. Additionally, in the rural pathway the opportunity is available to develop further relevant rural skills by undertaking the Fellowship in Advanced Rural General Practice (FARGP). The AGPT has requirements as to where registrars may work according to pathway choice, general pathway registrars may work in any general practice location whereas rural pathway registrars are required to work in rural and remote general practice placements.

Can I do FARGP while doing FRACGP?

The FARGP provides training for registrars wishing to develop additional procedural or non-procedural skills. It is recommended that the FARGP is undertaken during general practice training to enable you to get the most out of your experience and fulfil the majority of FARGP requirements before heading into the FRACGP exams. FARGP can also be undertaken post-Fellowship.

How much can I expect to earn as a FRACGP GP?

As a FRACGP, general practice earnings can be determined based on a number of factors, including, but not limited to hours worked, complexity, Medicare item numbers, number of patient presentations and billing practices.

When working in a general practice setting fellowed general practitioners (GPs) earnings are supported through access to A1 Medicare rebates.

To find out more about what you can expect to earn in different practice settings, visit www.gpra.org.au

Further information

Further information is available at www.racgp.org.au

For RACGP selection enquiries please email selection@racgp.org.au or call 1800 4RACGP | 1800 472 247.