

## Rural Generalist Training – Frequently Asked Questions

### **1. What are the benefits of training under the *AGPT Rural Generalist Policy 2020*?**

The *AGPT Rural Generalist Policy 2020* provides additional flexibility for registrars on the AGPT Program who are selected to pursue, and are 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. This is in recognition that a registrar may need to undertake more than one skills training term to best meet community need.

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

Registrars who are already enrolled on the AGPT Program can opt in to Rural Generalist Training through the AGPT Program at the discretion of the Relevant College.

It is recommended that applicants who are considering indicating their interest in Rural Generalist Training read the *AGPT Rural Generalist Policy 2020*, which is available on the Department of Health AGPT website.

Applicants do not need to be enrolled in a State/Territory Rural Generalist Program in order to train under the *AGPT Rural Generalist Policy 2020*.

#### FACRRM

Applicants applying to train towards FACRRM, or currently training towards FACRRM, are considered to be undertaking Rural Generalist Training through the AGPT Program and can access the flexibility available under the *AGPT Rural Generalist Policy 2020* without needing to express interest or undertake any additional enrolment or eligibility tests.

#### FRACGP combined with FARGP

During the selection process, applicants need to indicate their interest in training under the Rural Generalist Training Policy by selecting the appropriate option in the application form. Applicants must also select the rural pathway and be seeking fellowship of RACGP combined with FARGP in order to be considered to train under the policy.

RACGP Registrars who are already enrolled on the AGPT Program can opt into Rural Generalist Training through the AGPT Program at the discretion of the RACGP.

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 2020*. Up to 150 training places per annum will be offered by RACGP.

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

No, applicants do not need to be enrolled in a State/Territory Rural Generalist Program in order to train under the *AGPT Rural Generalist Policy 2020*.

**4. 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?**

All ACRRM registrars are considered to be undertaking Rural Generalist Training through the AGPT Program and can access the flexibility available under the *AGPT Rural Generalist Policy 2020*.

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

Yes, registrars training towards fellowship of RACGP combined with FARGP can opt into Rural Generalist Training through the AGPT Program at the discretion of the RACGP during their training.

RACGP registrars should discuss the option to train under the *AGPT Rural Generalist Policy 2020* with their RTO. The RTO will then make contact with RACGP to seek approval for the registrar to opt into training under this policy.

**6. 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 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;
- Palliative Care;
- Remote Medicine; or
- Surgery (24 months).

For RACGP/FARGP this includes:

- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health;
- Adult Internal Medicine;
- Anaesthetics (JCCA);
- Child Health;
- Emergency Medicine;
- Mental Health;
- Obstetrics and Gynaecology (DRANZCOG/DRANZCOG Advanced);
- Palliative Care; and
- Surgery.

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