

## AGPT 2020 Selection – 457 and 482 Visa Holder Eligibility

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The AGPT program is an Australian Government Department of Health funded vocational training program for doctors pursuing a Fellowship in General Practice, either through the RACGP or ACRRM. To be eligible to achieve Fellowship through the AGPT program, applicants must be permanent residents of Australia or citizens of Australia or New Zealand.

Applicants who were born overseas, but obtained their primary medical degree in Australia or New Zealand may be eligible to apply with Australian temporary residency on either a 457 or 482 visa.

Prospective applicants who hold a current 457 (Business Long Stay) or 482 (Temporary Skills Shortage) visa are eligible to apply for the AGPT Program if they:

- Obtained their primary medical qualification in Australia or New Zealand (Bachelor of Medicine/Surgery, Doctor of Medicine or equivalent);
- Hold, or expect to hold, general medical registration by the commencement of the 2020 training year (3 February 2020);
- Supply a current/active Australian permanent residency application OR a completed Statutory Declaration (see related documents); and
- Provide a **letter of support** from each of the Regional Training Organisations (RTOs) within their preferred training regions confirming support for their training within the restrictions of their visas. Letters of support must be provided to the Department by 10:00 am AEDT\* Monday 29 April 2019.

### Letters of Support from JCU GP Training

JCU will consider providing a letter of support for 457 or 482 visa holder applicants who meet the following requirements in addition to the above AGPT requirements:

1. Applicants **must** obtain Australian permanent residency **prior** to commencement on the AGPT training program (JCU Semester 1 start date, **20 January 2020**). **If permanent residency is not secured by this date the applicant will be withdrawn from the program and forfeit their position;** and
2. Applicants must have a demonstrated commitment to providing health care for rural and/or remote communities in Australia.

**It is the applicant's responsibility to determine if it is feasible to obtain permanent residency in time for commencement on 20 January 2020. JCU bears no responsibility for delays in visa processing.**

Please note: The decisions to provide a letter of support to an applicant is solely at the discretion of JCU. JCU recommends that applicants who have not yet submitted their application for permanent residency by the closing date of the AGPT selection period (29 April 2019) consider applying to AGPT the following year.

Applicants who have additional questions or meet the above requirements and would like to request a letter of support, should email our placements team on [gpselections@jcu.edu.au](mailto:gpselections@jcu.edu.au).

For more information on AGPT eligibility, please review the [2020 AGPT Eligibility Guide](#) and [Temporary Visa Holder Brochure](#), available on the AGPT website.