

AGPT Rural Generalist Training

Overview

In 2018 the Department of Health introduced a new training option to the AGPT program, contained in the [AGPT Rural Generalist Policy 2019](#). The new policy allows registrars the option to train as an 'AGPT Rural Generalist' beginning in the 2019 program year.

Eligibility

Access to training under the *AGPT Rural Generalist Policy 2019* is available to new entrants to the AGPT program commencing in 2019 onwards, as well as existing AGPT registrars (2018 cohort and earlier), who are already training on a state-based rural generalist program (e.g. Queensland Rural Generalist Pathway).

Existing AGPT registrars who are not already enrolled in a state-based rural generalist program are not eligible to train under the *AGPT Rural Generalist Policy 2019*.

Benefits

Registrars who are selected to train as an AGPT Rural Generalist will have access to:

- an additional 52 weeks of skills training to meet the needs of the community they plan to work in post-fellowship; and
- streamlined transfers between training regions for purposes of advanced skills training and/or additional skills training terms.

Obligations

Registrars who are selected to train as an AGPT Rural Generalist must:

- train towards one of the following qualifications:
 - FACRRM;
 - FRACGP + FARGP;
 - FACRRM + FRACGP; or
 - FACRRM + FRACGP + FARGP.
- continue to train towards a rural qualification as outlined above or be withdrawn from the AGPT program;
- be committed to rural practice, both during training and post-fellowship; and
- be aware that additional skills training time is subject to application to and approval by GMT.

Note that registrars who are also training on a state-based rural generalist program must continue to meet the obligations of that training pathway, effectively undertaking their AGPT Rural Generalist Training and their state-based rural generalist training concurrently.

How to apply

New applicants (2019 cohort and onward)

New applicants must indicate their interest in AGPT Rural Generalist Training during the AGPT Selection process by ticking an 'AGPT Rural Generalist Training' box on their application form.

If accepted, applicants will be subject to the conditions outlined in the *AGPT Rural Generalist Policy 2019*. All training positions offered through ACRRM are considered as suitable for training as an AGPT Rural Generalist, and up to 150 training positions will be offered through RACGP nationally in 2019.

Existing applicants (2018 cohort and earlier)

Existing AGPT registrars who are already enrolled in a state-based rural generalist program do not need to opt-in to AGPT Rural Generalist Training, and may access the benefits of the *AGPT Rural Generalist Policy* if they desire. Existing AGPT registrars who are not already enrolled in a state-based rural generalist program are not eligible to train under the *AGPT Rural Generalist Policy*.

A note on state-based rural generalist programs

It is important to note that ‘AGPT Rural Generalist Training’ is not the same as state-based rural generalist training programs, such as the Queensland Rural Generalist Pathway (QRGP) run by Queensland Health. These are different programs that involve different application processes and training obligations. Joining AGPT Rural Generalist Training when you apply to the AGPT program from 2019 onward does not mean that you are accepted onto a state-based program, and state-based program members are not automatically considered AGPT Rural Generalists. Like all other applicants, state-based rural generalist applicants to the AGPT program must ‘opt-in’ to AGPT Rural Generalist Training from 2019 onwards, however they are not obligated to do so.

Further information

For more detail on the training obligations for AGPT Rural Generalists, please review the following information links:

- [AGPT Rural Generalist Policy 2019](#)
- [AGPT Rural Generalist FAQs](#)
- [GMT Rural Generalist web page](#)

If you would like to speak to someone at GMT regarding AGPT Rural Generalist Training, please contact the placements team at gmt.placements@jcu.edu.au, or if you would like to speak to someone regarding the Queensland Rural Generalist Pathway (QRGP), please visit <http://ruralgeneralist.qld.gov.au/>.