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Welcome

Welcome to the Australian General Practice Training Program Eligibility and Application Guide. The Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) Program is an Australian Government funded, three or four-year training program. During the program, you'll be supported to reach your Fellowship goals with dedicated in-practice supervision, a robust and fully supported out-of-practice education program and an experienced medical education and administrative team.

To apply for the program, you'll need to meet specific eligibility criteria and complete an application during the application period. This guide outlines this information in more detail.

We also encourage you to review the [Australian General Practice Training Program Guide](#) which includes important information about the program, the selection process and training locations.

If you need any help at any time, please contact us on becomeagp@racgp.org.au.



Eligibility criteria

To apply for the Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) Program, you'll need to meet the following eligibility criteria.

- ✓ **Medical qualification:** You hold a recognised medical qualification.
- ✓ **Medical registration:** You hold (or expect to hold) general medical registration with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) by the **commencement of training**.
- ✓ **Residency status:** You're an Australian or New Zealand permanent resident or citizen or hold a 482, 485, 820, 491 or 494 visa.
- ✓ **Exam candidacy:** You have at least two exam semesters remaining if you have already sat RACGP Fellowship exams (since January 2019).

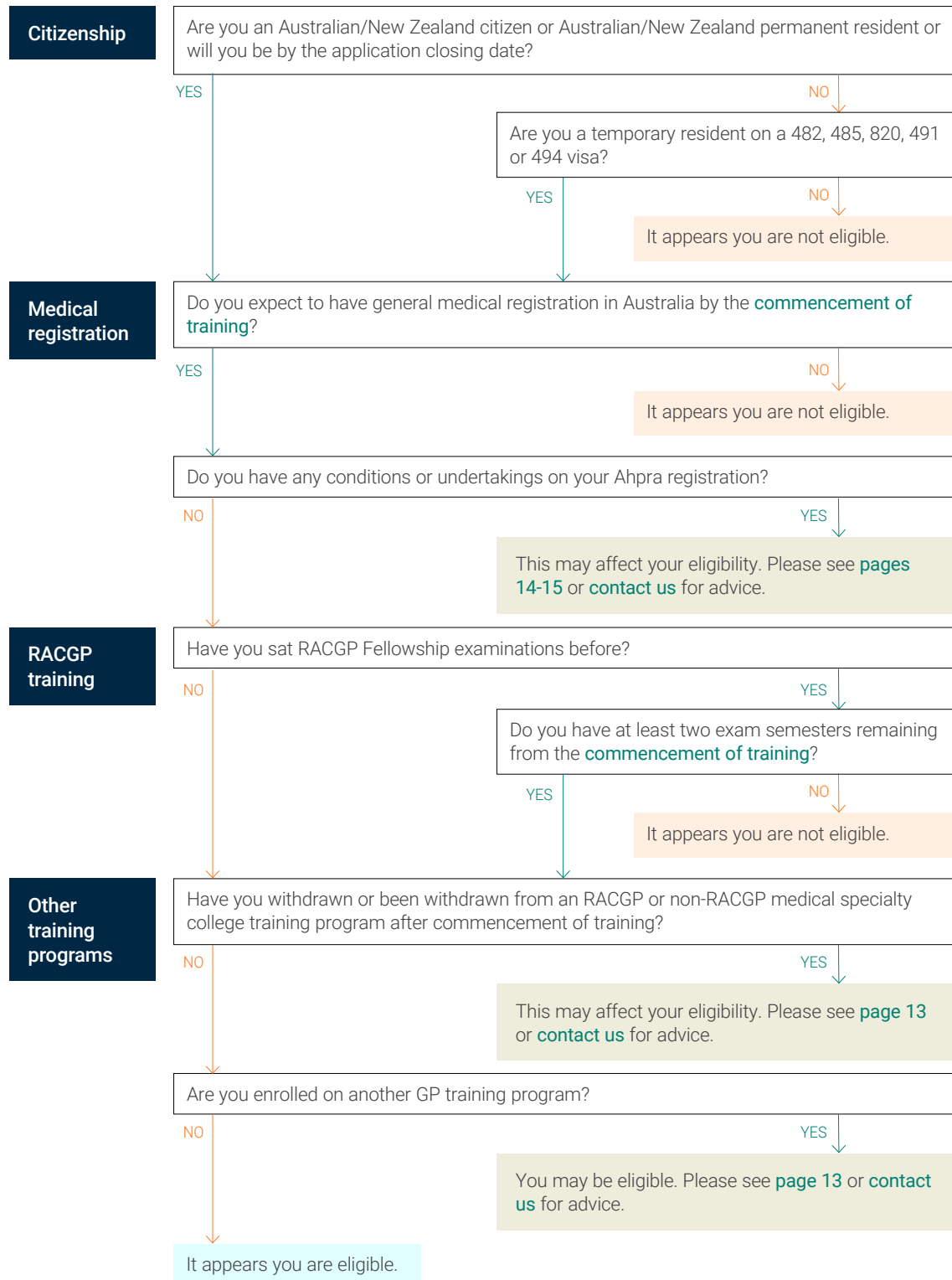
If any of the below apply, your eligibility may be affected.

- ? **Medical registration conditions or undertakings:** If you have medical registration conditions or undertakings on your APHRA medical registration, these will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.
- ? **No current Australian medical registration:** If you don't hold current Australian medical registration with Ahpra, your application will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. You may be required to provide evidence demonstrating how you will obtain general medical registration by **training commencement**.
- ? **Enrolment on a medical specialty program:** If you're currently enrolled on another training program, you may need to be prepared to resign from that program.
- ? **Withdrawal from specialist training:** If you have previously withdrawn or been withdrawn from any **specialist medical colleges**, your application will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.



Eligibility flowchart

Check if you're eligible to apply using the flowchart below.



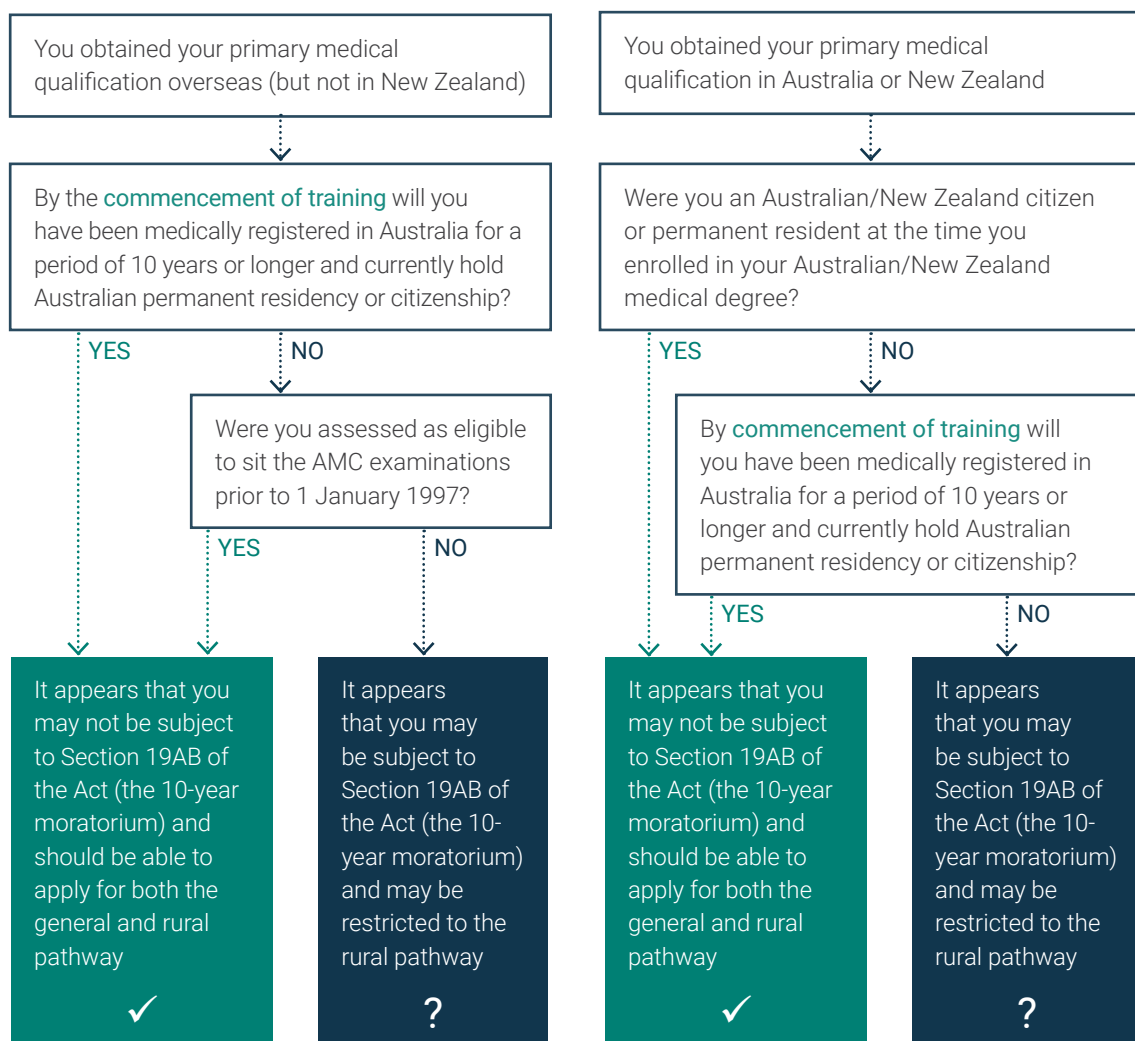
Pathway eligibility

There are two pathways on the AGPT Program – general and rural pathway. The training for both pathways is the same, the only difference is where you can train.

- On the general pathway, doctors can undertake their community general practice training terms in a combination of metropolitan, outer metropolitan, rural or remote areas.
- On the rural pathway, doctors are required to undertake all of their community general practice training terms in rural and remote areas as defined by the Modified Monash Model (MMM 2–7). You can find the MMM classification for any given area by using the Health Workforce Locator tool on the Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care (AGDHAC) [website](#).

If you obtained your primary medical qualification overseas, or obtained your primary medical qualification in Australia or New Zealand and were not a permanent resident or Australian or New Zealand citizen at the time you enrolled in your degree, you may be affected by the 10-year moratorium and only be eligible to apply for the rural pathway.

Pathway eligibility flowchart



What is the 10 year moratorium?

Section 19AB of the Health Insurance Act 1973 (Cwlth), also known as the 10 year moratorium, restricts access to Medicare benefits and requires affected doctors to work in a distribution priority area (for general practitioners [GPs]) or a district of workforce shortage (for specialists) for at least 10 years in order to access Medicare rebates.

Section 19AB applies for a minimum of 10 years from the date a doctor first gains medical registration in Australia, which includes provisional or limited registration, as listed on the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) Register of Practitioners. The moratorium ends at the 10-year mark, provided the doctor is a permanent resident or citizen of Australia. For temporary residents, the moratorium continues until they become permanent residents or Australian citizens.

If the date of first registration in Australia that you provide on your AGPT Program application differs from the date listed on the Ahpra register, you will need to submit additional documentation that supports the different date.

Who does it apply to?

The 10-year moratorium applies to doctors who either obtained their primary medical qualification overseas (International Medical Graduates [IMG]) or obtained their primary medical qualification in Australia or New Zealand and were not a permanent resident or Australian or New Zealand citizen at the time they enrolled in their degree (foreign graduates of an accredited medical school [FGAMS]).

Note

The 10 year moratorium does not apply to doctors who obtained their primary medical qualification in New Zealand and were a New Zealand or Australian permanent resident at the time of enrolment.

Can the moratorium duration be reduced?

'Moratorium scaling' is a non-cash incentive that gives IMGs and FGAMS the chance to reduce their moratorium period by working in an eligible location and meeting a monthly Medicare billing threshold.

You can find more information on scaling on the [AGDHAC website](#).

If you believe you have received a scaling discount on your moratorium, check your revised end date through the Department of Human Services PRODA system.

If you need more detailed information about your individual circumstances as they relate to section 19AB, contact the AGDHAC on 19AB@health.gov.au.

Can you apply for an exemption to train on the general pathway?

If you are subject to the 10-year moratorium and you have exceptional circumstances which would prevent you from training on the rural pathway, you can apply for a [rural pathway exemption](#) at the time of your application.

Applications for rural pathway exemptions must be made by the close of AGPT Program applications for the intake in which you are applying. Applications received after this date will not be considered for that intake.

Obtaining a rural pathway exemption does not mean you will be guaranteed to receive a training offer, or a general pathway training offer. It simply means you can nominate either or both general and/or rural pathway preferences in your AGPT Program application.

Please see the [rural exemption webpage](#) for more information.



Temporary visas and residency

If you hold a 482, 485, 820, 491 or 494 visa, you'll be required to provide:

- a Statutory Declaration of intention to become an Australian permanent resident prior to the completion of the AGPT Program,

OR

- evidence of an active permanent residency application. Note – Expression of interests are not accepted.

Maintaining valid visa status

You're responsible for maintaining a valid visa status for the entire duration of your training and for meeting all visa and training requirements. If you're unable to meet your training requirements at any point due to visa restrictions or issues, you may be withdrawn from the training program in accordance with the [Withdrawal Policy](#).

Sponsorship

If your visa requires employer sponsorship, you're responsible for securing this sponsorship at an approved training site and meeting the [training location commitments](#) for your assigned training region and pathway. Neither the RACGP or the Department of Health and Aged Care are able to sponsor doctors, and we do not facilitate sponsorship with training sites.

It's also important to note that due to visa employer sponsorship requirements, depending on your timing of entry into the AGPT Program, you may experience delays in commencement of a community-based general practice training term as training sites that offer sponsorship are limited and when available take a longer timeframe to arrange employment due to the sponsorship process.

Permanent residency requirement for completion of training

If you're successful in obtaining a training place on the AGPT Program, you must obtain Australian permanent residency by the completion of your training. If permanent residency is not obtained, you won't be eligible to be awarded Fellowship and you may be withdrawn from the program. If you have any concerns about your residency status, we encourage you to seek advice early to avoid any disruption to your training or progression to Fellowship.

For more information on visa conditions and restrictions, refer to the [Department of Home Affairs website](#).

If you currently hold a temporary visa that is not listed above, unfortunately you are ineligible to apply for the AGPT Program.

How to complete the online application form

Registration

The first step in applying is to register online at www.racgp.org.au/agpt, using a current and active email address.

Make sure your application is submitted by the due date as late applications will not be accepted.

If you have any issues completing your application, or if you need to make any changes to your application after you have submitted it and before the application closing date, email us on becomeagp@racgp.org.au.

All information you provide in your application will be treated as confidential.

Applicant categories

Once you have registered, you will be asked to confirm which category of applicant you are. For each applicant category there are specific documents that need to be submitted.

There are four applicant categories that are determined by:

- your country of birth
- the country in which you obtained your primary medical qualification
- your residency status at the date of enrolment in your Australian/New Zealand primary medical qualification.

The four applicant categories are:

1. Australian medical graduate (AMG)
2. AMG born overseas (AMG/OS)
3. foreign graduate of an accredited medical school (FGAMS)
4. international medical graduate (IMG).

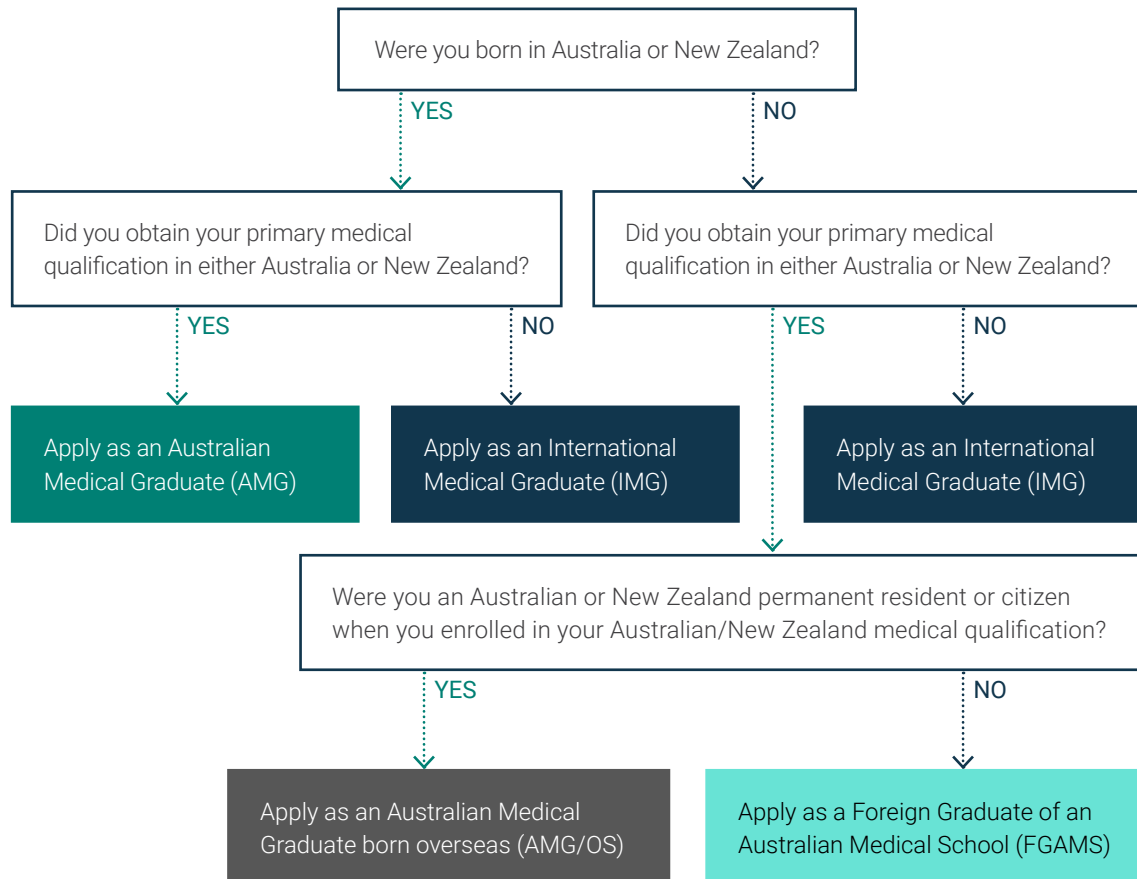
These applicant categories are used only to determine your eligibility for the AGPT Program.

Review the flowchart overleaf to determine which of the four applicant categories applies to you. The questions in the flowchart also appear on screen before you start the online application. You can refer back to this page at any time during your application.

Tip

Make sure you answer all residency and medical qualification questions correctly, as these determine your applicant category. Use the flowchart overleaf to determine your category. It is important to provide the supporting documents relevant to your category to avoid delays in your application being processed.

Applicant categories



Application components

There are several sections you'll be required to complete in the application form, as summarised in the table below. In addition, you'll need to provide colour copies of supporting documentation as outlined on pages 21-29.

Section	Information required
Personal details	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Name and personal information• Employer (if employed)• Alternate contact person
Eligibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Citizenship details• Primary medical qualification• Other qualifications• Australian Medical Council details (if applicable)• Medical registration
Prior experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hospital experience• Rural experience (if applicable)• Recognition of prior learning and experience - indication of intent to apply only (if applicable)
Special provisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin• Australian Defence Force member• Joint applicants• Contracts and deeds of agreement (if applicable)• Special assessment arrangements (if applicable)• Fellowship
Training preferences	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pathway, region and where applicable, subregion preferences
Application declaration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Confirmation of application and acceptance of policies
Supporting documentation	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Various – see pages 21-29

Section: Personal details

In this section you will provide your current personal details. This information will be used to contact you throughout the selection process.

1. Your name

Provide your full name as printed on your official documents.

If your name has changed and does not match the name on your official documents, you must provide evidence of the name change. Refer to [page 27](#) for information on acceptable name change documents.

2. Personal details

Please indicate your date of birth as per your official documents.

3. Your contact details

Provide your current, full and correct contact details, including:

- active email address
- primary contact telephone number
- postal address.

4. Current employment

If you are currently employed, provide details of your current employment.

5. Alternative contact person

Provide details of an alternative contact person in case we are unable to reach you.

Note

We will only contact your alternative contact person if we cannot reach you. The alternative contact details cannot be the same as your own contact details. Make sure your alternative contact person knows you have given their details to the RACGP. Providing an alternative contact person is optional.

Section: Eligibility

In this section you will provide details and documentation of any residency restrictions (if applicable), citizenship, medical registration and your medical qualifications.

1. Citizenship details

Provide details of your current Australian or New Zealand citizenship or residency status and your current passport number.

Tip

Residency for all applicant types is assessed as your residency status at the close of applications.

New Zealand permanent residents must have a valid Australian visa that allows them to work in Australia.

New Zealand citizens are granted a Special Category Visa, which allows them to live, work or study in Australia lawfully as long as they remain a New Zealand citizen. For more information, visit the [Department of Home Affairs website](#).

IMGs must hold Australian permanent residency, or citizenship of Australia or New Zealand, or hold an approved temporary residency visa as outlined on [page 7](#).

2. Primary medical qualification

Provide details of your primary medical degree, including:

- country in which the degree was obtained
- university name
- year enrolled in your primary medical degree
- year your primary medical degree was completed.

Note

Your medical qualifications must be recognised by the [Australian Medical Council](#) for you to be eligible for general practice training.

If you obtained your primary medical degree in Australia or New Zealand but were not born in Australia or New Zealand, you must provide evidence of your residency status when you enrolled in your degree. We will use this information to determine your moratorium status.

3. Other qualifications

Enrolment in other vocational training programs

In this section, you'll be asked to indicate if you're currently enrolled in another vocational training program.

Important note

If you have withdrawn or were withdrawn from an RACGP training program after you commenced training, your application for the AGPT Program will be considered on a case-by-case basis as per the [Training Program Entry Policy](#).

i. If you're currently enrolled in the AGPT Program with the RACGP

If you are currently enrolled in the AGPT Program with the RACGP, you cannot reapply unless you first withdraw from the AGPT Program prior to the application closing date.

ii. If you're currently enrolled in the AGPT Program with a non-RACGP provider

If you are currently enrolled on the AGPT Program with ACRRM or RVTS, you must submit evidence with your RACGP AGPT Program application that you have resigned, and your resignation has been accepted by ACRRM or RVTS.

iii. If you're currently enrolled in another 3GA program

If you are currently enrolled in any of the following 3GA programs, you must provide a statutory declaration stating that you'll resign from that training program by the [commencement of training](#) if accepted onto the AGPT Program:

- ACRRM Independent Pathway
- ACRRM Rural Generalist Training Scheme
- Practice Experience Program
- Fellowship Support Program
- Remote Vocational Training Scheme (RVTS).

iv. If you're currently enrolled in a non-GP specialist vocational training outside the AGPT Program

You can apply to the AGPT Program if you are currently enrolled on a non-GP specialist vocational training program. You don't need to resign from your current training program to apply.

If you're successful in being offered a training place with us on the AGPT Program, whether you can continue to engage in additional specialist vocational training outside the AGPT Program will depend on several factors. This will be discussed with you at your induction meeting which will take place shortly after you accept your training offer.

Factors that may impact the ability to undertake additional specialist vocational training concurrently with the AGPT Program include:

- it does not compromise your AGPT Program training, as determined by us
- you cannot defer AGPT Program training to pursue other specialist training
- if you need to take [leave from the AGPT Program](#) to complete the additional training, your leave allowance will be reduced
- we cannot approve an extension of your AGPT Program training time because you are pursuing other specialist training outside of the AGPT Program.

4. Australian Medical Council details

Provide details of your current Australian Medical Council status if you are an IMG applicant.

5. Medical registration

In the application, provide details of your current Australian medical registration status, including details of any restrictions, conditions or other addenda.

List the dates of:

- your first medical registration in Australia, including any provisional or limited registration
- your first general medical registration in Australia (if applicable).

To be eligible for the AGPT Program you must hold or expect to hold general medical registration by the start of training. If you currently hold provisional or limited registration, you can apply, but any training offered will be conditional on you receiving general registration before the start of training. If you do not have general registration by this date, your training offer might be withdrawn. If you are unsure of your registration status, contact Ahpra on 1300 419 495.

You are responsible for maintaining medical registration that enables you to remain on the AGPT Program and attain Fellowship.

Doctors who don't have current Australian medical registration

If you don't hold current Australian or New Zealand medical registration, your application will be assessed on a case-by-case basis. There can be long processing times to achieve medical registration in Australia. Please ensure you have reviewed the information relevant to your situation with Ahpra prior to making an application.

If you hold New Zealand registration, you can still apply and your application will be assessed on a case-by-case basis.

Please contact us on becomeagp@racgp.org.au if you have any queries.

Doctors with medical registration restrictions, conditions or other addenda

If you have, or anticipate having, restrictions, conditions or other addenda on your general medical registration at the start of the training year, you must:

- declare this in your application
- provide relevant documents and information from Ahpra, including public and non-public addenda
- provide a copy of your CV with all relevant experience.

Some addenda will mean you are not able to train on the AGPT Program or you might be limited in your training options. For more information, refer to the [Implications of restrictions, conditions and other addenda on medical registration guide](#).

We will treat applications with medical registration restrictions, conditions or other addenda on a case-by-case basis, reviewing them according to the eligibility requirements. Applicants who have addenda that prevent them from fulfilling all their obligations on the AGPT Program will be deemed ineligible.

We cannot guarantee that if you have addenda on your medical registration that you will be employed by hospitals, training practices or other training sites, even if you are considered to be eligible for entry into the AGPT Program.

You are responsible for providing us with any further clarification about addenda on your medical registration:

- If you cannot provide clarification, your AGPT Program application will be deemed ineligible.
- If you do not declare your addenda in your application, we might seek clarification on these from the Medical Board of Australia.
- If you do not disclose any addenda on your medical registration and you are offered a position on the AGPT Program, the offer might be withdrawn.
- If addenda are set after you have submitted your application, you must contact us at becomeagp@racgp.org.au to update your application as soon as you are made aware of these addenda.
- Your medical registration status will be checked several times throughout the selection process to make sure your current medical registration status is recorded.



Section: Prior experience

In this section, you can indicate an interest to apply for rural priority preferencing and your training plans for entry onto the program.

1. Intern experience in Australia and/or New Zealand

Provide information about your intern experiences in Australia and/or New Zealand, including any primary care placements you completed as an intern.

2. Hospital experience in Australia and/or New Zealand only

Provide information about:

- all hospital terms and rotations you completed in Australia and/or New Zealand, including any AMC supervision requirements
- any resident medical officer/hospital medical officer hospital terms and rotations in Australia and/or New Zealand.

3. Other work experience

Provide information about:

- previous hospital experience in countries other than Australia and New Zealand
- previous experience in general practice or similar settings
- other previous and/or current work experience in a hospital setting
- paid scholarships undertaken as a medical practitioner
- any other relevant work experience.

4. Rural experience

You'll be asked to provide information about any rural community experience in Australia and/or overseas, including rural clinical placements.

5. Recognition of prior learning and experience

In this section, you'll be asked to indicate if you intend to apply for recognition of prior learning and experience (RPLE). Your response has no impact on whether you are made a training offer, or for which pathway or region.

An indication of intention to apply for RPLE is not considered an application for RPLE.

If you are accepted onto the AGPT Program, your training coordinator will help you apply for RPLE.

An RACGP censor will then assess your application.

For more information about the specific requirements for RPLE, refer to the [AGPT registrar training handbook](#) and the [Recognition of prior learning and experience policy](#).

Tip

You must not assume you will be granted RPLE before you apply for the AGPT Program.



Section: Special provisions

1. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander

Select this option if you identify as a doctor of Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin.

Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander doctors are eligible to join the [Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association](#).

2. Australian Defence Force member

Select this option if you are a member of the ADF.

If you are an ADF member you must:

- confirm your status as a full-time serving ADF member
- provide details of your service (ie Navy/Army/Air Force) and PMKeyS number
- notify the ADF Medical Officer Professional and Career Development Committee Secretariat of your intention to apply for the AGPT Program by emailing mopcdc.secretariat@defence.gov.au.

Note

For the training region preference, ADF applicants must nominate the region in which they expect to be posted at the start of the AGPT Program.

Applicants who will end full-time ADF service before starting general practice training will be processed as a non-ADF applicant.

3. Joint applicants

Joint applicants are applicants who want to be considered for entry into the AGPT Program together.

There are no restrictions on who can be joint applicants.

To be considered joint applicants, both applicants must:

- provide details of the other applicant, including their full name and current AGPT application ID
- submit identical training region and pathway preferences. If one applicant is subject to section 19AB and must train on the rural pathway, the other applicant must also preference the rural pathway.

Joint applicants' training outcomes are considered based on the lowest applicant's assessment scores.

This means, if both applicants score high enough for an offer, the training region and pathway preference will be based on the lowest scoring applicant's preference allocation.

If one applicant wants to withdraw from joint application consideration during the selection process, they should contact the RACGP on becomeagp@racgp.org.au. Withdrawal from a joint application must be completed before assessments are completed.

Participating as a joint applicant does not guarantee a training offer. If one of the joint applicants is deemed unsuitable to receive an offer, the applications will automatically revert to individual applications, and only the applicant who has been deemed suitable will be made an offer.

4. Contracts and deeds of agreement

Select this option if you have entered into a contract, including:

- a contract of employment (that will still be current by the start of the training year)
- a deed of agreement, such as a AGDHAC Bonded Medical Program
- if you are a former or current recipient of a scholarship.

Note

Some contracts might affect an applicant's ability to fulfil their training requirements. If you have entered into a contract, attach all relevant information to your application. If you are unsure if your contract affects your eligibility, contact us at becomeagp@racgp.org.au.

5. Special arrangements

Select this option if you want to apply for special arrangements.

This category applies to applicants whose ability to take part in RACGP assessments, might be affected by circumstances beyond their control (eg breastfeeding, disability, distance, etc). Applicants with special requirements due to these circumstances may request special arrangements in the delivery of the assessments by the deadline specified for that intake.

For more information, refer to the [Assessments Special Arrangements Policy](#) and the [Assessments and examinations candidate handbook](#).

To apply for special arrangements, submit a [Special Arrangements Application Form](#) along with supporting documentation to selection@racgp.org.au.

6. Fellowship

In your application, you'll be asked to indicate if you would like to pursue the optional RACGP Rural Generalist Fellowship. You can choose to pursue this Fellowship regardless of your pathway preference (i.e. general or rural). You can opt in or out of this Fellowship option at any time. Indicating your interest at the time of your AGPT application ensures we can provide you with any advice or information you require at the start of your training.

Rural generalist applicants may also be eligible for region priority preferencing. See our [website](#) for more information.

Section: Training preferences

Nominate your training pathway, region and where applicable, subregion preferences.

In the application, you'll be asked to nominate up to six training pathway, region, and where applicable, subregion preferences.

Where a training region offers both the general and rural pathways, you have the option of making two nominations for the same training region by nominating both pathways separately. See our [website](#) for details of training places.

If you are subject to section 19AB of the *Health Insurance Act* ([the 10-year moratorium](#)), you must select the rural pathway, unless you have an exemption from the Department of Health or the RACGP to train on the general pathway.

Tip

Before deciding on your preference for where you will train and submitting your application, we encourage you to:

- familiarise yourself with each training region and its training location commitments in the [AGPT Program Guide](#)
- familiarise yourself with the region's services and amenities, such as medical, educational, community, cultural, religious and recreational facilities
- determine what impact moving to a particular region would have on you, your partner and other family members, if applicable
- ensure that your decision to train in a particular region is understood by, and has the support of, your partner/family, if applicable
- familiarise yourself with the expectations of and commitment required to complete the AGPT Program by reading the current [AGPT registrar training handbook](#).

Transferring between training regions and pathways

It is possible to transfer between regions and pathways; however, an application must be supported by evidence of extenuating and unforeseen circumstances that justify a transfer. The exception are doctors training on the general pathway who would like to undertake a rural training term and Australian Defence Force (ADF) doctors.

Note

An application to transfer between training regions and pathways is not guaranteed to be approved.

For more information about transfers, refer to the [AGPT Program Guide](#).

Section: Applicant declaration

In this section you will be required to:

- declare information provided is true and accurate
- confirm understanding of the consequences of providing incorrect information
- agree to RACGP registrar requirements
- confirm your awareness of, and compliance to follow all relevant RACGP and AGDHAC policies.

All parts of the applicant declaration must be completed prior to submitting your application.



Supporting documents

The supporting documents that you will need to submit with your application will depend on your applicant category as shown in the quick reference table below. If you're not sure of your applicant category, see the [applicant category flowchart](#) in the 'Eligibility' section.

Details about each of the documents required in the table below are explained further on the following pages.

AGPT required documentation		Applicant type			
		AMG	AMG/OS	IMG	FGAMS
i.	Colour ID style photo	✓	✓	✓	✓
ii.	Ahpra medical practitioner registration	✓	✓	✓	✓
iii.	Current residency status	✓	✓	✓	✓
iv.	Proof of identity	✓	✓	✓	–
v.	Academic qualifications	–	✓	–	–
vi.	Evidence of residency or citizenship predating primary medical degree	✓	✓	–	–
vii.	Additional proof of identity for applicants born in Australia on or after 20 August 1986	✓	–	–	–
viii.	First medical registration (if date differs from Ahpra)	If applicable	If applicable	If applicable	If applicable
ix.	Evidence of name change	If applicable	If applicable	If applicable	If applicable
x.	Medical registration with restrictions, conditions or other addenda	If applicable	If applicable	If applicable	If applicable
xi.	Section 19AB exemption	–	–	If applicable	If applicable
xii.	Other training enrolment	If applicable	If applicable	If applicable	If applicable
xiii.	Australian temporary/permanent visa grant notice	–	If applicable	If applicable	If applicable
xiv.	Evidence of intention for permanent residency	–	–	If applicable	If applicable
xv.	Withdrawn from a medical specialty college	If applicable	If applicable	If applicable	If applicable
xvi.	CV	If applicable	If applicable	If applicable	If applicable

Note

This is a guide only, and other documentation across all applicant types may be requested on a case-by-case basis to verify your eligibility for the AGPT Program.

Your responsibility

It's your responsibility to ensure you:

- provide only information that is true, complete and correct
- supply all supporting documents and in the correct format required
- check your email regularly and respond to any requests in a timely manner
- provide information or additional documents as requested by the RACGP.

Avoiding delays in the application process

An incomplete or incorrect application and/or the absence of required or relevant information will delay processing and the application might be deemed ineligible. If a document has been marked as mandatory, you will not be able to submit your online application until that document has been uploaded.

The RACGP cannot take any responsibility for delays you experience in meeting the application requirements. Delays might occur if:

- you have trouble obtaining any of your mandatory supporting documents. If this happens, contact us at becomeagp@racgp.org.au as soon as possible. Note that, unless otherwise notified, we will not contact other organisations on your behalf to request documents
- you submit documents that are illegible or in black and white and incorrectly certified
- we have concerns about the validity of any of your documents. We might ask you to submit certified copies of these documents and you should ensure they are correctly certified as detailed on [page 24](#).

Note

Make sure your application is submitted by the due date as late applications will not be accepted.

Expect email correspondence

We will email you if we require extra documents or clarification about your application. We will always correspond with you by email, so be sure to monitor your nominated email address regularly. You will not receive special consideration if our emails are sent to your junk folder.

Note

The RACGP takes no responsibility for:

- correspondence (electronic or posted) not being delivered or received
- correspondence sent by us to an incorrect email address you provided when you have failed to formally notify the RACGP about any changes to your contact details
- emails not reaching you
- emails sent to a junk email folder.

Documentation format and certification

Documentation must be provided as a clear, colour, original scan or photograph.

- Each document/image must be less than 2 MB in size. Accepted file formats are: JPG, JPEG, GIF, PNG and PDF.
- If your documents are in black and white, we will only accept documents that have been certified by an authorised certification officer within 18 months of submitting your application
- If any documents are poorly scanned, not in colour, have incorrect certification or are suspect, the RACGP reserves the right to request they be certified by an authorised officer for verification.

After your application has been submitted, you won't be able to upload more unless a member of the RACGP AGPT eligibility team requests this. If further documentation is required, you'll receive an email outlining the request.

Certifying requirements

A 'certified copy' has been verified as being a true copy of an original document.

Certifying officers must be citizens of Australia or New Zealand and currently reside in Australia or New Zealand. Documents certified outside Australia or New Zealand will only be accepted if they are certified by an officer at an Australian Consulate.

- Photocopies of certified copies will not be accepted.
- A double-sided document must be certified on both sides.
- Certification must not be on the back of a single-sided document.
- If we ask you to provide certified copies of your supporting documents, your application will only be considered complete when we have received all necessary certified supporting documents.
- Documents certified by a medical practitioner will not be accepted.

Uploading documents

- Next to each listed document, click 'Select'. A dialog box will open, allowing you to select the file to upload.
- If you need to upload a document that has more than one page, you can scan the document to a multi-page PDF and upload the single PDF file or scan/photograph each page of the document to a separate file and upload each file individually by clicking 'add'.
- If your internet connection is slow, large files might take some time to upload. Make sure the file size doesn't exceed the 2MB limit and allow enough time for each document to upload before refreshing the page or contacting us.
- There is a checklist to follow in the online application system that will help you upload your documents.

Mandatory supporting documents required

i. Colour photo of yourself

To be accepted, your photo must meet these requirements (see image below):

- head and shoulders only
- looking directly at the camera
- the image must be sharp and sufficiently detailed to be identifiable
- in colour
- taken in the past 12 months
- not cropped from an official document (eg passport or driver's licence).

ii. Evidence of medical registration

Provide a clear, colour, original scan or photograph of one of the following:

- current Ahpra registration certificate
- current Ahpra registration card
- proof of full listing in the Ahpra Register of Practitioners.

iii. Evidence of current residency status

Provide a clear, colour, original scan or photograph of one of the following:

- Australian or New Zealand citizenship certificate
- current Australian or New Zealand passport, including details of current Australian visa, if applicable
- current international passport with Australian or New Zealand permanent residency visa label
- visa grant letter from the Department of Home Affairs confirming permanent residency status (must be accompanied by original scan of current international passport)
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- Australian birth certificate
- New Zealand birth certificate.

For IMG and FGAMS on temporary visas, please see [page 28](#) for additional documentation requirements.

iv. Proof of identity

Provide a clear, colour, original scan or photograph of one of the following:

- full Australian birth certificate (not a commemorative certificate or an extract);
- Australian passport (current or expired less than two years ago)
- New Zealand birth certificate* (accompanied by a valid Australian working visa)
- current overseas passport (if accompanied by a current Australian visa)
- Australian citizenship certificate or naturalisation certificate
- Department of Home Affairs travel document (valid for up to five years after issue).

*A New Zealand birth certificate is acceptable if you were born before 1 January 2006. If you were born on or after 1 January 2006, you must provide documentation that demonstrates at least one parent was a New Zealand citizen or permanent resident at the time of your birth. This is in line with the 2005 changes to the New Zealand Citizenship Act 1977.

v. Academic qualifications

Provide a clear, colour, original scan or photograph of one of the following:

- complete academic transcript (include all pages of the transcript)
- letter from your university, which includes your date of enrolment
- complete graduation statement.

Note

Commemorative graduation certificates will not be accepted.

vi. Evidence of residency or citizenship predating primary medical degree

If you obtained your primary medical degree in Australia you must provide a clear, colour, original scan or photograph of evidence of your permanent residency or citizenship in Australia or New Zealand that predates your enrolment in your primary medical degree. This can be an Australian or New Zealand passport or relevant permanent residency visa that predates your medical school enrolment. Additionally, you will need to submit an academic transcript or academic record showing the date of enrolment in your primary medical qualification as supporting documentation.

Note

If you do not provide proof of your permanent residency or citizenship of Australia or New Zealand that predates the date of enrolment in your medical degree, you'll be deemed subject to section 19AB and eligible only for the rural training stream.

vii. Additional proof of identity for applicants born in Australia on or after 20 August 1986

If you were born in Australia on or after 20 August 1986 and uploaded an Australian birth certificate for 'Evidence of current residency status' (in 'All applicants'), you're required to provide an additional proof of identity document. This information is required due to a legislative change in which anyone born on or after this date in Australia is not automatically classed as an Australia citizen. This information provides evidence as to whether you were an Australian citizen prior to enrolment in your primary medical degree in Australia. If you were not an Australian citizen or permanent resident at this time, you may be subject to the 10 year moratorium and restricted to training in a rural area.

Provide a clear, colour, original scan or photograph of one of the following:

- current or expired Australian passport
- either parent's Australian birth certificate
- either parent's citizenship certificate, issued prior to your birth
- either parent's permanent residency visa grant letter/visa label, issued prior to your birth.

viii. First medical registration (if date differs from Ahpra)

If the date of your first medical registration differs from the date listed on the Ahpra Register of Practitioners, you must provide a clear, colour, original scan or photograph of evidence of your first medical registration in Australia.

ix. Evidence of name change

If your name is not the same on all of your required documents, you must provide evidence of the name change. Please provide a clear, colour, original scan or photograph of one of the following:

- marriage certificate (if original is not in English, both original and English translation are required)
- change of name certificate
- deed poll
- Statutory Declaration stating you are known by different names.

x. Medical registration with restrictions, conditions or other addenda

If you hold general registration with restrictions, conditions or other addenda, you must provide a clear, colour, original scan or photograph of each of the following:

- restrictions, conditions or other addenda set by the Medical Board of Australia
- listing from the Ahpra Register of Practitioners detailing public and non-public restrictions, conditions or other addenda.
- A current up to date CV.

xi. Exemption to train on the general pathway

If you hold an exemption from the Department of Health or the RACGP enabling you to apply to train on the general pathway, you must provide a clear, colour, original scan or photograph of this evidence of this exemption detailing the exemption conditions.

xii. Other GP training program enrolment

If you are currently on a GP training program, provide the relevant information:

- **Current RACGP AGPT trainees:** No evidence required.
- **Current ACRRM or RVTS AGPT trainees:** Provide a clear, colour, original scan or photograph of evidence with your AGPT application that you have resigned, and your resignation has been accepted by ACRRM or RVTS.
- **Current trainee on other GP training programs:** If you are currently enrolled in the RACGP Fellowship Support Program, ACRRM Independent Pathway, ACRRM Rural Generalist Training Scheme, RACGP Practice Experience Program or Remote Vocational Training Scheme, you must provide a [Statutory Declaration](#) of your intention to resign from the current vocational training program if accepted into the RACGP AGPT Program.

xiii. Australian temporary/permanent visa grant notice

If you currently hold a temporary visa subclass 482, 485, 820, 491 or 494, or an Australian permanent residency visa, you must provide a clear, colour, original scan or photograph of your current visa grant notice and a copy of your accompanying passport.

Please see below for additional information required for temporary visa holders.

xiv. Evidence of intention for permanent residency for applicants on an accepted temporary visa

All applicants on accepted temporary visas must provide evidence of their intention to gain permanent residency by the completion of their AGPT training in the form of a Statutory Declaration of intention to become an Australian permanent resident prior to the completion of the AGPT Program or evidence of an active permanent residency application.

xv. Withdrawal from a medical specialty college

If you have previously been withdrawn (involuntarily or voluntarily) from specialist training from any [specialist medical college](#), after commencement of training you must declare this in your application. You'll need to provide relevant documents and information from the specialty medical college, including a copy of withdrawal letter from the specialty medical college.

Applicants who have been withdrawn from specialist training from any specialist medical college will be reviewed on a case by-case basis.

xvi. CV

If requested, provide a copy of your curriculum vitae (CV) with details of your previous and current medical experience.

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