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Eligibility

There are six main eligibility criteria you need to meet to be accepted into the AGPT Program:

1. Do you have a recognised medical qualification?
2. Do you hold, or expect to hold, general medical registration before commence of training?
3. Are you currently participating on any other medical training programs? Are you willing to resign from these programs if required?
4. Are you an Australian or New Zealand citizen, or a permanent Australian resident? Or are you on a temporary visa and obtained your degree at an Australian or New Zealand university? Or are you on an accepted temporary visa with an active Australian permanent residency application?
5. If you are an international medical graduate, have you met all Australian Medical Council (AMC) requirements (or the Competent Authority Pathway)?
6. If you have already sat RACGP Fellowship exams (since January 2019), do you have at least one exam semester remaining (as per the Fellowship Exams Policy)?

To check if you're eligible, use the eligibility flowchart on the next page.

If you have previously been involuntarily withdrawn from the AGPT Program, you may not be eligible to re-apply.

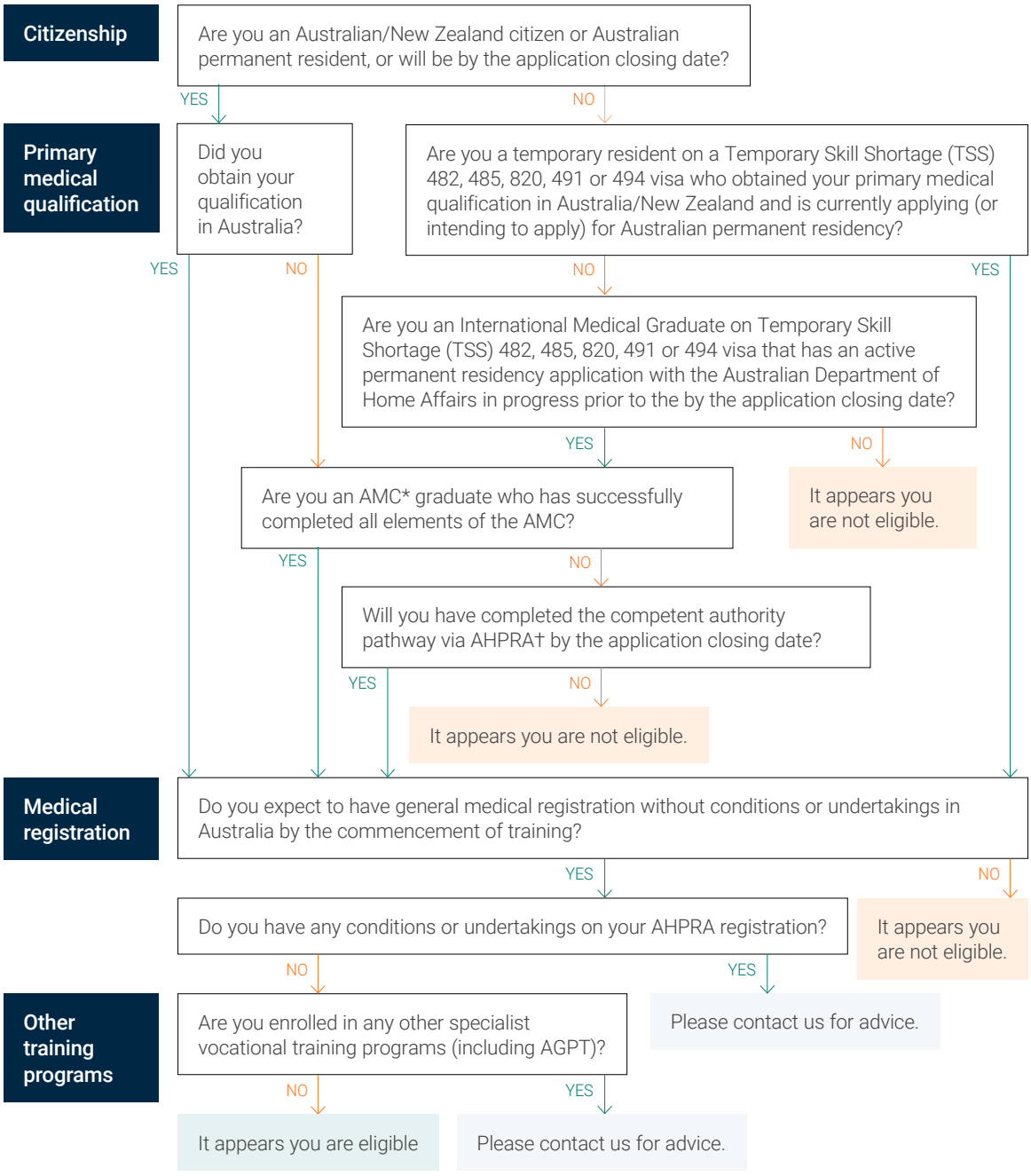
You should also be aware if you have addenda on your medical registration this may have an impact on your ability to train.

From 2025, doctors are unable to apply to train concurrently on an RACGP and Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) program.

If you have any questions about your eligibility, please contact us.

Eligibility flowchart

Check if you are eligible to apply using the flowchart below.



*Australian Medical Council
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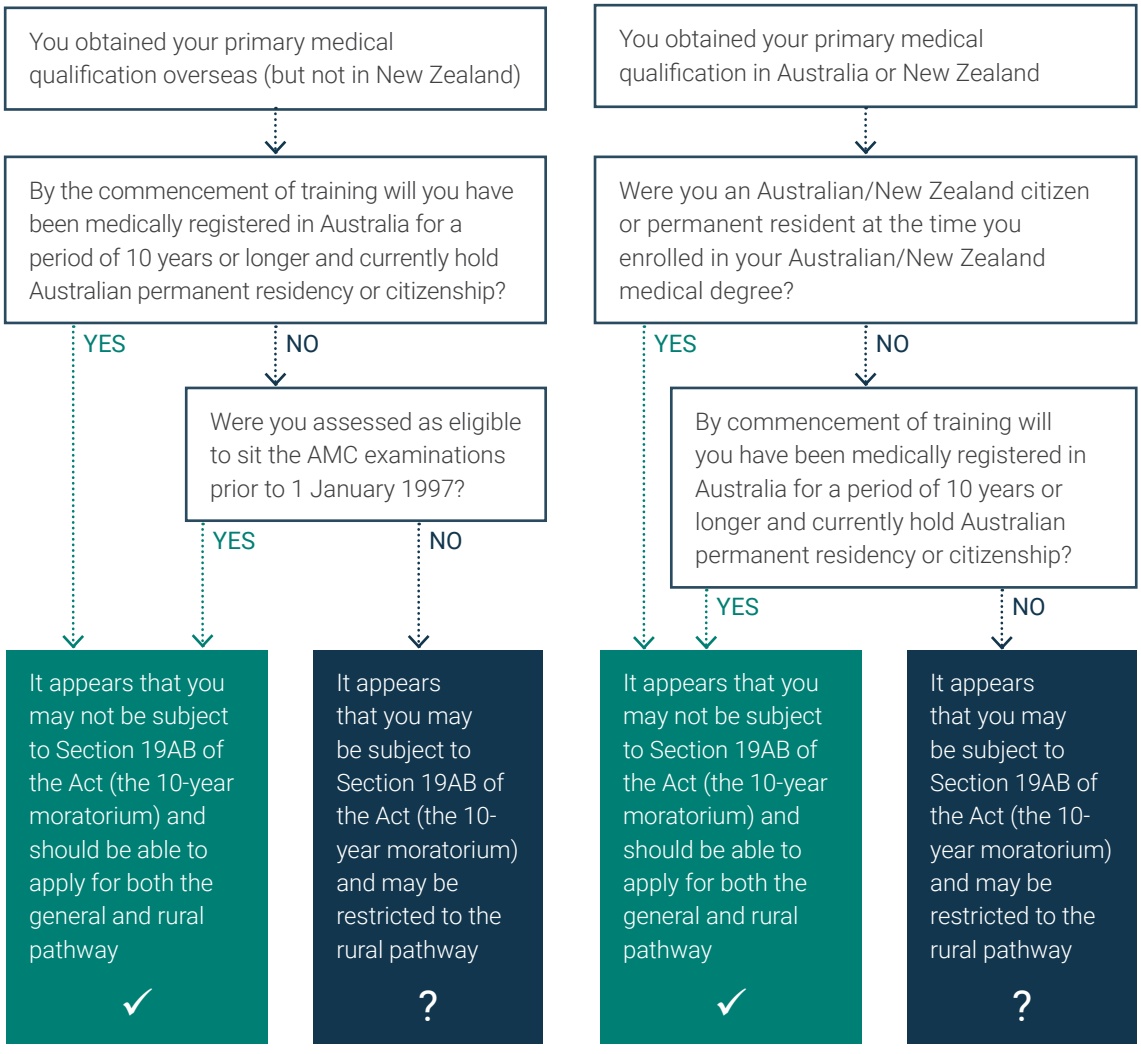
Pathway eligibility

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 train in a combination of metropolitan, outer metropolitan, rural or remote areas.
- On the rural pathway, doctors do all of their general practice term training 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) restricts access to Medicare benefits and requires these 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. In this handbook, we refer to these restrictions as a moratorium.

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 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 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 temporary visa subclass TSS 482, 485, 820, 491 or 494, you may be eligible to apply if the following requirements are also met:

- If you obtained your primary medical degree in Australia or New Zealand, we'll accept your application on the understanding that your application will only be considered if you provide a Statutory Declaration of intention to become an Australian permanent resident prior to the completion of the AGPT Program, or evidence of your permanent residency application.
- If you obtained your degree outside of Australia or New Zealand, you must provide evidence of a current and active application for permanent residency before AGPT applications close. An Expression of Interest for permanent residency document lodged with the Department of Home Affairs is not considered an active Permanent Residency application and cannot be considered.

Please note, neither the Department of Health and Aged Care or the RACGP can sponsor TSS 482, 485, 820, 491 and 494 visa subclass holders.

Please see the supporting documents section for details of evidence required.

If you are successful in obtaining a training place on the AGPT Program, you must obtain Australian permanent residency by the completion of your training and forward documentation confirming permanent residency to the RACGP before completing training. If permanent residency is not obtained, the RACGP may withhold your certificate of completion of training and, if applicable, withdraw you from the program.

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).

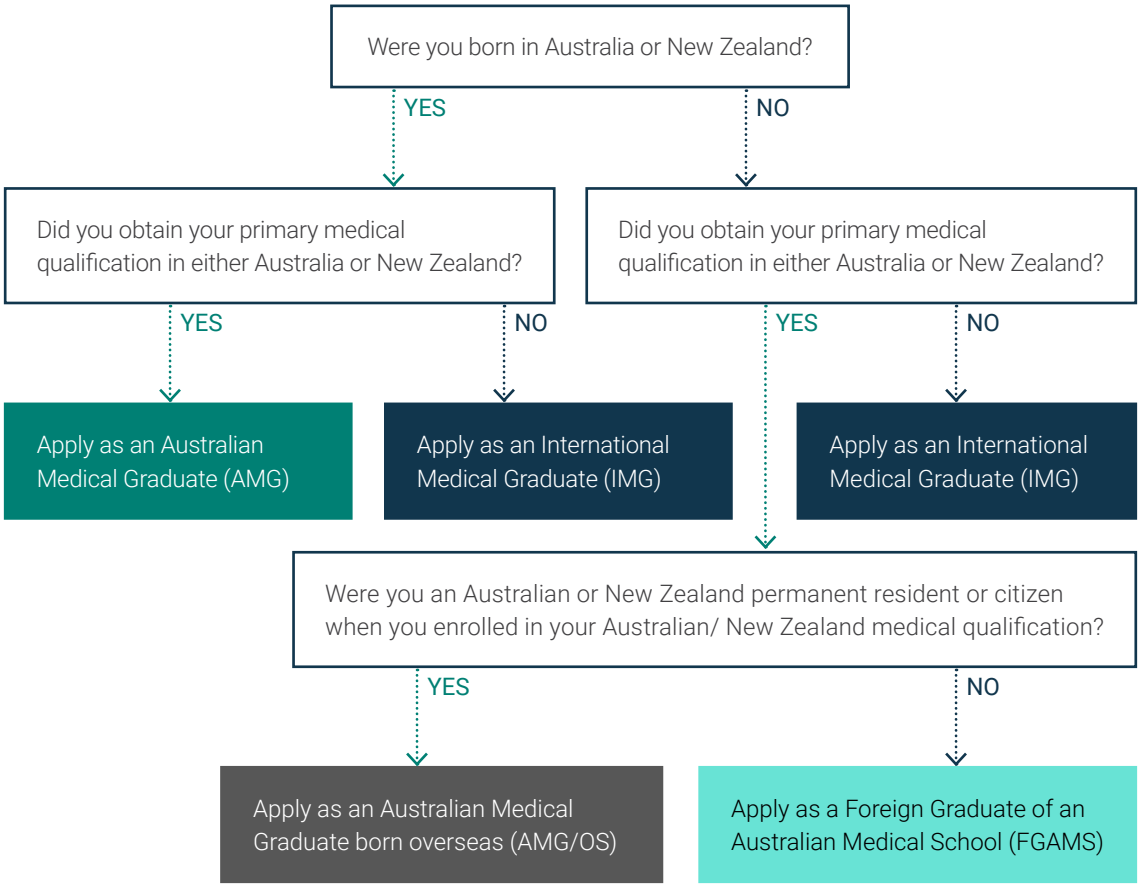
These applicant categories are used only to determine your eligibility for the AGPT Program.

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, because 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



Section A: Personal details

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

A1. 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.

A2. Personal details

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

If you have a current Australian driver's licence, provide the number and details. If you hold an international driver's licence that allows you to drive in Australia, provide the number and details.

Note

If you do not hold a valid driver's licence, you might be restricted from working in some general practices that require independent travel to reach the practice or patients.

A3. Your contact details

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

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

A4. Current employment

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

A5. 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 or those of your nominated referees. Make sure your alternative contact person knows you have given their details to the RACGP.

Section B: Eligibility

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

B1. Citizenship details

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

Tip

Permanent residents of New Zealand must have a valid Australian working visa.

B2. 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 (refer to pages 3–5 for overseas doctors).

B3. Other qualifications

Provide details of the following, if applicable:

- postgraduate qualifications
- academic awards
- non-medical qualifications relevant to general practice
- rural student networks of which you are a member
- if you have previously accepted a bonded medical place in a medical school.

Enrolment in other vocational training programs

Indicate if you are currently enrolled in another vocational training program.

i. If you are currently enrolled in the AGPT Program with the RACGP or another provider

If you have previously accepted an AGPT position and are currently enrolled, you cannot reapply for a different training region and/or pathway unless you first withdraw from the AGPT Program prior to the application closing date.

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

ii. If you are 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 will 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).

iii. If you are currently enrolled in an additional specialist vocational training outside the AGPT Program

You can engage in additional specialist vocational training outside the AGPT Program if:

- you receive approval from us before you start the AGPT Program
- the additional training is noted in your AGPT learning plan at the start of the training year
- it does not compromise your AGPT Program training, as determined by us.

You should also be aware that:

- 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.

For more information, refer to Leave Policy and Extensions of Program Time Policy.

B4. Australian Medical Council details

Provide details of your current AMC status if you are an IMG applicant.

To be eligible for the AGPT Program you must have completed all AMC requirements and received your certificate by the close of AGPT applications.

B5. 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.

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.

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.

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.

> If you hold New Zealand registration and don't currently have Australian general medical registration, please contact us.

General medical registration with 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.

The documents you need to provide us relating to any restrictions, conditions or other addenda on your medical registration include proof of registration status from AHPRA with details of public and non-public addenda.

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.

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.

You are responsible for providing us with any further clarification about addenda on your medical registration. If you do not declare your addenda in your application, we might seek clarification on these from the Medical Board of Australia.

If you cannot provide clarification, your AGPT application will be deemed ineligible.

Tip

Your application must include detailed information disclosing any restrictions, conditions or other addenda on your medical registration.

If these addenda are not disclosed, your application could be significantly affected.

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.

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.

Your medical registration status will be checked several times throughout the selection process to make sure your current medical registration status is recorded.

You must advise us immediately of any change to the status of your medical registration during the selection process.

Section C: Prior experience

This section applies to your hospital, work and rural experiences, which might be used to assess you for:

- selection
- placement
- possible recognition of prior learning and experience (RPLE).

C1. 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.

C2. 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.

C3. 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.

C4. Rural experience

Provide information about any rural community experience in Australia and/or overseas, including rural clinical placements.

This is particularly important for doctors interested in training rurally who would like to be considered for rural region priority preferencing. See our website for more information.

Note

Your rural experience can be any length of time and does not have to relate to medicine.

C5. Recognition of prior learning and experience

Indicate if you intend to apply for Recognition of prior learning and experience (RPLE).

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

RPLE is available for different components of the AGPT Program, including hospital training and the extended skills term. If you have hospital experience or experience relevant to an extended skills term, you might be eligible for RPLE. This can reduce your training time, up to a maximum overall reduction of 52 weeks.

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 D: Special provisions

D1. 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.

D2. 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.

Tip

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

D3. 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 at this time, the applications will automatically revert to individual applications, and only the applicant who has been deemed suitable will be made an offer.

D4. 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.

D5. 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, including the CAAKT and selection interviews, 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.

D6. 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.

Section E: Training preferences

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

In the application, you'll be asked to nominate up to four 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.

If your preferred training region and pathway offers subregions, and/or composite pathways, you will be asked to rank in order of preference, these at the same time. Please note, subregion and composite rankings don't count towards one of your up to four training region and pathway preferences.

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 a section 19AB exemption.

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 in the AGPT Program Handbook
- 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.

Note

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

For more information about transfers, refer to the Training Transfer Policy.

Section F: Referees

Provide the names and contact details of two referees who can confidently judge your capabilities, including your:

- current skills and abilities
- experience and work performance
- suitability for general practice training.

Note

Referees should be medical practitioners who have directly supervised you for a period of four weeks or longer within the past three years (prior to the close of applications).

Suitable referees might include:

- staff specialists
- medical superintendents
- visiting medical officers
- hospital registrars
- GPs.

You must provide a business hours telephone number and an active email address for each referee. It is your responsibility to ensure that both referees are contactable by telephone or email during business hours throughout the AGPT selection process.

Be sure to seek permission from your referees to supply their contact details.

You must not use a family member as a referee.

If you have any questions or concerns about meeting the referee requirements, email becomeagp@racgp.org.au, detailing:

- why you have nominated a referee who does not meet the criteria
- how long you were supervised by the referee
- when the supervision occurred
- the referee's supervisory role at the time.

Tip

Referees who do not meet the criteria may not be used to support your application.

Section G: 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.	Completion of pathway to medical registration (AMC or Competent Authority Pathway)	–	–	✓	–
ix.	First medical registration (if date differs from AHPRA)	If applicable	If applicable	If applicable	If applicable
x.	Evidence of name change	If applicable	If applicable	If applicable	If applicable
xi.	Medical registration with restrictions, conditions or other addenda	If applicable	If applicable	If applicable	If applicable
xii.	Section 19AB exemption	–	–	If applicable	If applicable
xiii.	Other training enrolment	If applicable	If applicable	If applicable	If applicable
xiv.	Australian Temporary/Permanent Visa grant notice	–	If applicable	If applicable	If applicable
xv.	Evidence of intention for Permanent Residency	–	–	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 (as required)
- check your email regularly and respond to any requests in a timely manner
- provide information or additional documents as requested by the RACGP.

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.

Avoiding delays in the application process

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 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 27.

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 mandatory supporting documents are in black and white, you must have them certified by an authorised certification officer. We will only accept documents that have been certified correctly within 18 months of submitting your application.

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

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 will not be able to upload more documents unless a member of the RACGP AGPT eligibility team requests this. If further documentation is required, you will receive an email outlining the request.

Note

Documents certified by a medical practitioner will not be accepted.

Tip

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.

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

You must hold Australian permanent residency, or citizenship of Australia or New Zealand, or an approved temporary residency visa.

Provide 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)
- visa grant letter from the Department of Home Affairs confirming temporary residency status (must be accompanied by original scan of current international passport)
- Australian birth certificate
- New Zealand birth certificate.

Residency notes:

- 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.
- An IMG must hold Australian permanent residency, or citizenship of Australia or New Zealand, or hold an approved temporary residency visa.

For IMG and FGAMS on temporary visas, please see relevant section below 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 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 will 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 must provide an additional proof of identity document.

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. Completion of pathway to medical registration (AMC or Competent Authority Pathway)

An IMG must have successfully completed and passed all the AMC requirements before AGPT applications close. This may be by completing both parts of the AMC Standard pathway (AMC I and AMC II) or the AHPRA workplace-based assessment (Competent Authority pathway).

If you completed the Competent Authority pathway and currently hold general registration, no further documentation is required.

If you do not hold general medical registration and started the Competent Authority pathway on or after 1 July 2014, you do not need to provide an AMC certificate. However, you must:

- hold provisional registration with AHPRA
- provide your 12-month supervision assessment letter, showing successful completion of 12 months of supervised practice.

If you commenced the Competent Authority pathway before 1 July 2014, you are required to supply your AMC certificate and Competent Authority pathway 12-month supervision assessment letter.

ix. 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 evidence of your first medical registration in Australia.

x. 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 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.

xi. Medical registration with restrictions, conditions or other addenda

If you hold general registration with restrictions, conditions or other addenda, you must provide 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.

xii. Section 19AB exemption

If you hold an exemption from section 19AB of the Health Insurance Act 1973 (Cwlth) enabling you to apply to train on the general pathway, you must provide evidence of this exemption detailing the exemption conditions.

xiii. Other training enrolment

If you have previously accepted an AGPT position and are currently enrolled, you must submit evidence with your AGPT application that you have resigned and your resignation has been accepted by ACRRM or RVTS. If you are enrolled with the RACGP you must resign by the application closing date.

If you are currently enrolled in the RACGP Fellowship Support Program, ACRRM Independent Pathway, 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 AGPT Program. You can find the Statutory Declaration form at www.racgp.org.au/AGPT-other-training-program.

xiv. Australian Temporary/Permanent Visa grant notice

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

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

Note

If you currently hold a temporary visa that is not listed above, unfortunately you are ineligible to apply for the 2024 AGPT Program.

xv. 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.

- If you obtained your primary medical degree in Australia or New Zealand, we'll accept your application on the understanding that your application will only be considered if you provide a Statutory Declaration of intention to become an Australian permanent resident prior to the completion of the AGPT Program.
- If you obtained your degree outside of Australia or New Zealand you must provide a clear, colour, original scan or photograph of one of the following with your application:
  - proof of a current and active Australian permanent residency application before AGPT applications close or
  - proof you gained Australian permanent residency before AGPT applications close.

Note

the Statutory Declaration option is only available to FGAMS applicants, who trained in Australia on a temporary visa.

Note

An expression of interest for permanent residency document lodged with the Department of Home Affairs is NOT considered an active permanent residency application and cannot be considered.

Uploading your supporting documents

Preparing digital documents

- Collect all the documents required for your application.
- Scan or photograph original colour documents. Any documents that cannot be colour scanned or photographed must be correctly certified and then scanned.
- Ensure each document/image is less than 2 MB in size.
  - Acceptable file formats: JPG, JPEG, GIF, PNG and PDF. All other file formats will not be accepted and need to be converted to an acceptable format before uploading.
  - If you need to upload a document that has more than one page, you have two options:
    - scan the document to a multi-page PDF and upload the single PDF file
    - scan or photograph each page of the document to a separate file and upload each file individually.

How to upload your documents

- Next to each listed document, click 'Select'. A dialog box will open, allowing you to select the file to upload.
- If a document consists of several separate files, you can add each file individually. After uploading the first file, repeat the process by clicking 'Add' to upload more pages of the same document.
- Documents must be no larger than 2 MB. If you have problems uploading your documents, check that the file size is not too large, and reduce the file size if necessary.
- If your internet connection is slow, large files might take some time to upload. 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.

After your application has been submitted, you will not be able to upload more documents unless a member of the RACGP AGPT eligibility team asks you to.

We might ask you to recertify and re-upload documents if the certification has been completed incorrectly or if the document has been poorly scanned or is hard to read. In this case, a new section of the applicant portal will become available for you to upload any requested documents. Once submitted, we will review the document and send you a confirmation email.

We're here to help

Have a question? Need some advice?

Our friendly Become a GP Team is available to help.

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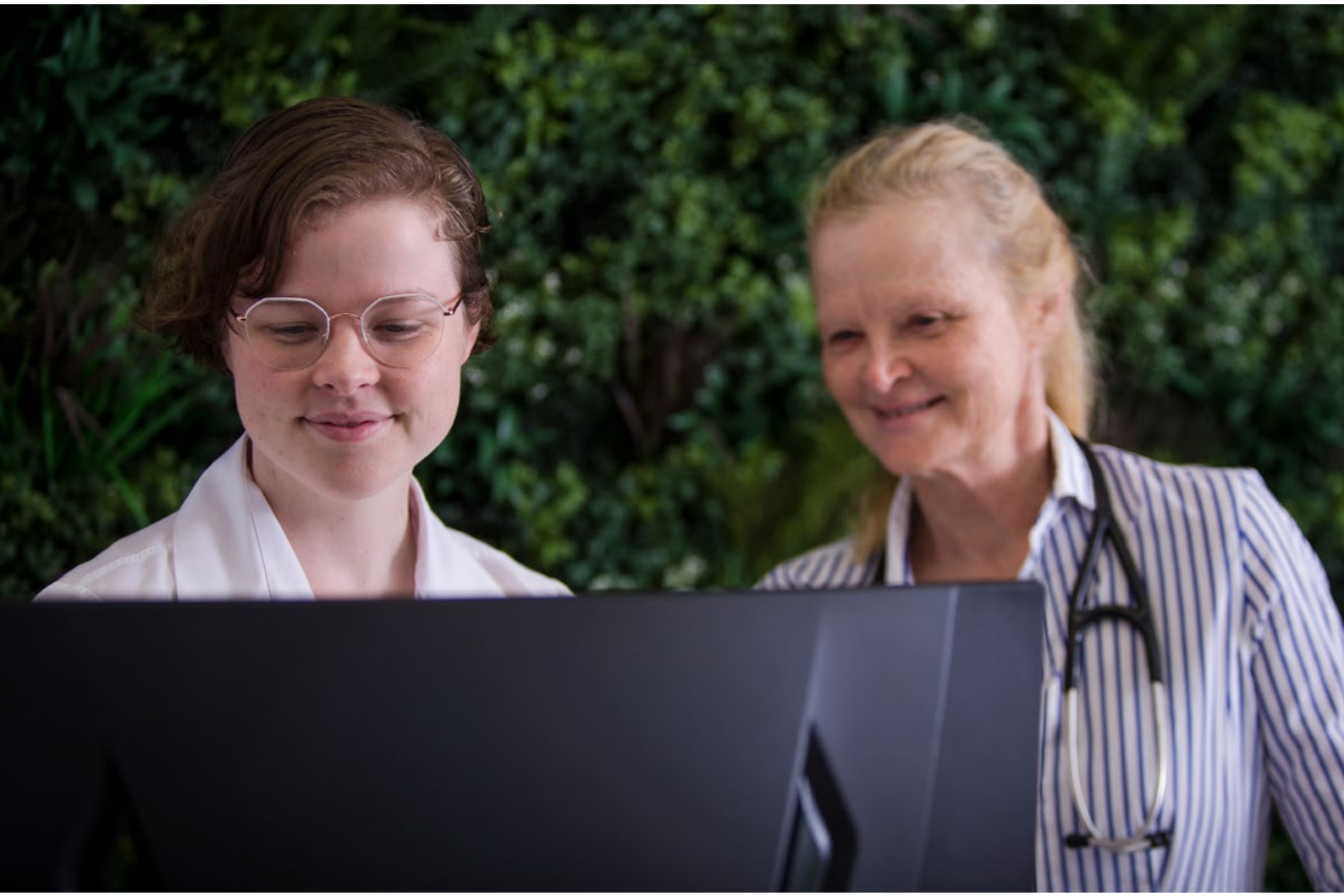

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