

The FARGP practising GP RPL pathway recognises the knowledge, skills and qualifications of experienced rural GPs by offering them the opportunity to submit evidence that demonstrates how they meet the specific criteria of the FARGP. The FARGP RPL process is a formal, yet straightforward, process that is completed on the FARGP Online Learning Platform, *gplearning* via the RPL Evidence Checklist.

The FARGP practising GP RPL pathway enables experienced rural GPs to gain the FARGP qualification via recognition of the relevant experience and skills already acquired.

Full RPL will be granted if sufficient and appropriate evidence is submitted.

The core requirements are that the practising GP applying for RPL is a financial member of the RACGP, holds the Fellowship of the College (FRACGP), has worked in rural general practice, has developed advanced skills in one or more areas and shows evidence of reflective practice. The other requirements are listed in a self-assessment checklist (section 2) below that must be completed as part of this enrolment.

Section 1: Personal details

Name RACGP no.

Address Postcode

Practice address Postcode

Telephone Mobile Fax number

Email

Are you of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander origin? Yes, Australian Aboriginal

Yes, Torres Strait Islander

Yes, both Australian Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

No

Please indicate your preferred contact method Email Phone Mobile

Are you Male Female

Note: All applicants must be working towards the FARGP and are required to be financial members of the RACGP at the time of enrolling and throughout the course.

Section 2: Self assessment checklist

This checklist will help you decide whether to apply for RPL. If you answer 'yes' to all or most of the questions below, then you are well on the way to achieving your FARGP. Speak to the RACGP Rural team to discuss your next steps.

Please answer all of the following questions.

| Question | Yes | No |
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| Are you a paid member of the RACGP? | | |
| Have you completed your FRACGP? | | |
| Have you completed at least 12-months (FTE) of rural general practice experience (MMM3-7) as either a general practice registrar or a practising GP in the past four years? | | |
| Have you undertaken advanced rural skills training in a procedural or non-procedural skill or spent sufficient time in rural general practice to develop advanced skills as a rural GP? | | |
| Have you designed, developed and coordinated a rural community based health related project? This project needs to have taken at least 6 months, including planning and evaluation with a community consultation as part of the process. If not, have you completed an academic qualification that is relevant to rural general practice? | | |
| Have you completed advanced emergency medicine training in the past three years of a standard relevant to practice in a rural community? | | |

Section 3: Other important information

RACGP Rural will advise you of your application outcome (full RPL, partial RPL or RPL denied). In the case that you are either partly successful or denied, you will be contacted to discuss whether you need to submit further evidence or complete additional relevant activities or courses to fulfil the requirements.

The RPL enrolment fee is non-refundable after seven days or once you have commenced the online application process (whichever occurs first).

The RACGP's Privacy Policy, Appeals Policy, and other relevant policies can be obtained from our website www.racgp.org.au/policies.

Section 4: Mentor details

You will need to nominate a mentor for the FARGP. Your mentor can be any member and Fellow of the RACGP you wish to nominate, who is prepared to review your learning plan and uploaded evidence, as well as provide feedback to the Assessor and Rural Censor. Mentors do not need to have the FARGP nor live or work nearby, as the process is completed online. Their time commitment is two hours in total.

Mentor's name

RACGP no.

Mentor's email address

Section 5: Signature of applicant

Name RACGP no.

Signature Date

Once this enrolment form has been processed by the RACGP Rural, an invoice for \$2480 will be issued. Once the invoice has been paid, instructions for access to the FARGP Online Learning Platform will then be sent to you.

Please note that if you wish to submit an application for exemption prior to enrolment, this process may incur an administrative fee. This fee will be deducted from the enrolment fee, upon enrolment.

Policies: The RACGP's Privacy Policy, Appeals Policy, FARGP Withdrawals and Refunds Policy and other relevant policies can be obtained from the RACGP website at racgp.org.au.

How to lodge your application

Email, fax or post this form to RACGP Rural

Email fargp@racgp.org.au

Phone 1800 636 764

Fax 03 8699 0598

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