

FSP Recognition of prior learning and experience (RPLE)

Registrar guide

Overview

This guide is for use by Fellowship Support Program (FSP) registrars considering applying for recognition of prior learning and experience (RPLE) gained prior to joining the program.

Firstly, it's important to read the information on RPLE found in these resources:

- [RACGP Recognition of Prior Learning and Experience Policy](#)
- [FSP Registrar handbook](#)

Following commencement in the FSP, your medical educator (ME) will conduct an induction interview with you to assess your individual circumstances and advise if you are eligible to apply for RPLE. This discussion will equip you with the information to decide whether you'd like to proceed with RPLE and if it meets your learning needs.

Your ME will guide you through the application process, required documentation and timelines for submission.

What qualifies as RPLE?

This RPLE guideline is applicable to cohorts commencing from 2024.2 until 2026.2. From the 2027.1 cohort onwards, the following criteria will no longer be applicable.

For posts to be considered for RPLE, you can only include experience:

- that has been undertaken as a part of either the Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) Program or the Remote Vocational Training Scheme (RVTS), and
- where training took place at an accredited training site/s with an accredited supervisor, and
- where the training time was in comprehensive general practice, and
- where you demonstrated satisfactory progression, and
- that occurred in the last 5 years (5 years from the date of lodging application).

You're also required to prove you've voluntarily withdrawn from the other training program (AGPT or RVTS).

Any experience that doesn't meet all the above criteria won't be considered for RPLE.

Please note: Programs such as PEP Standard, MDRAP or ACCRM won't be considered.

What are the possible outcomes of an RPLE application?

The outcome may be any of the following:

- You're granted RPLE for the entirety of the period claimed
- You're granted RPLE for a part of the period claimed
- You aren't granted any period of RPLE

Once an outcome is determined for your RPLE application, this will be final. However, you may request clarification on how the outcome was reached.

What do I need to consider when I apply for RPLE?

Careful consideration needs to be given to how RPLE affects:

- your training time (program time) – it's likely to reduce your time in the education component of the FSP. This may not fit with your individualised learning needs
- your exam eligibility (please refer to the [FSP Registrar handbook](#))
- your exam candidacy.

What evidence do I need to provide to support my application?

You'll be required to provide evidence for the time you're applying for RPLE.

Note:

- All documentation must be submitted at the time of your application
- Only submit documentation that directly corresponds to the 26 weeks for which you're claiming RPLE

1. Evidence of entry and voluntary exit from a program (AGPT or RVTS)

This may be in the form of a successful entry letter and an acknowledgement of voluntary exit letter. The evidence provided needs to demonstrate the start date and end date of the program and that the exit from the program was not disciplinary in nature.

2. Evidence of clinical experience

An educational proforma needs to be completed, detailing:

- educational activities that were undertaken during the time claimed
- placement during the time claimed
- assessment occurring during the time claimed
- a support letter from supervisor/s or Director of Training (regional) or RVTS
- a reflective evaluation of learning and assessment outcomes.

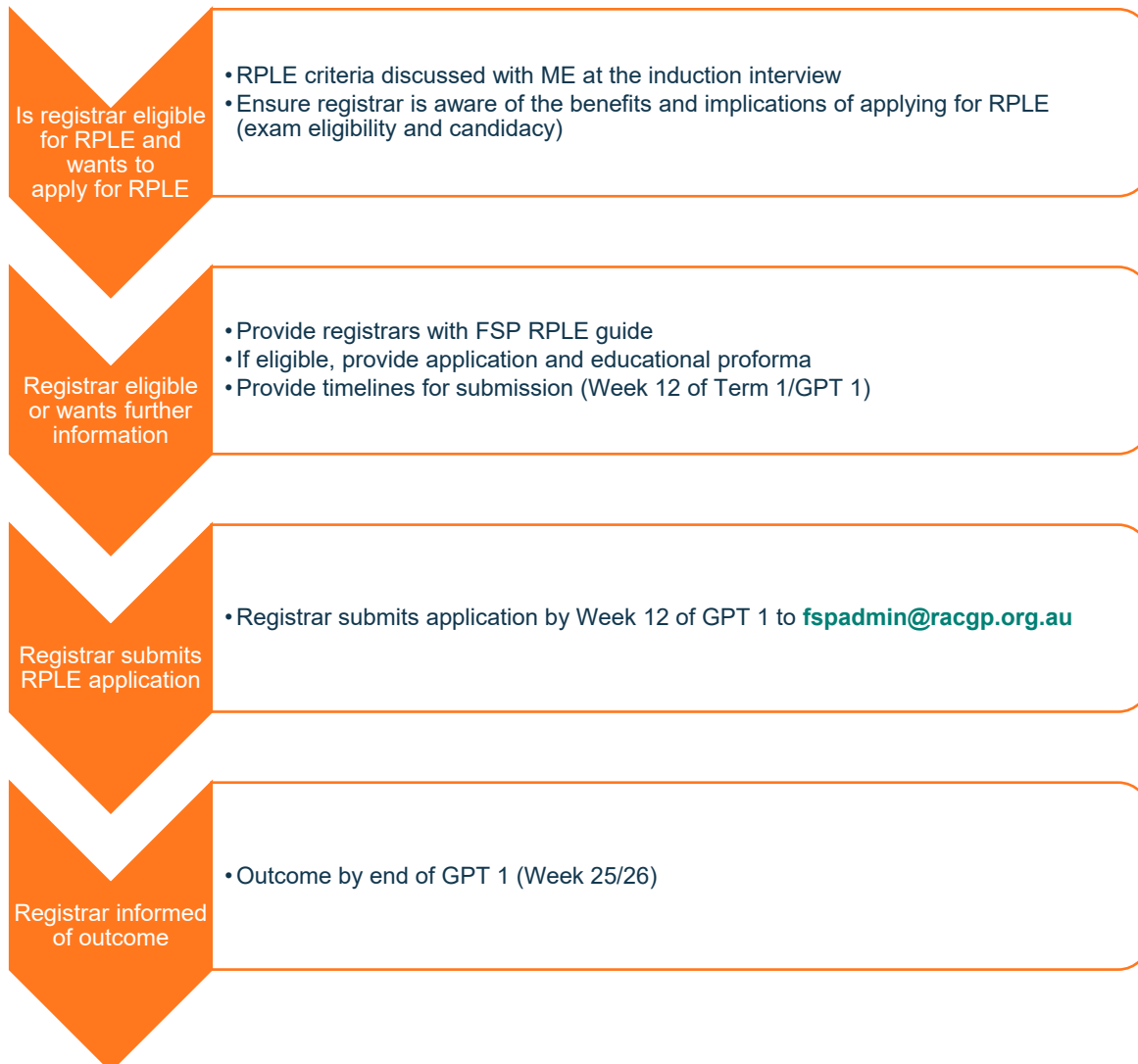
3. Evidence of Ahpra medical registration

You can contact Ahpra directly to obtain a copy of your certificate of registration.

When do I need to submit my application by, and when will I be notified of the outcome?

Applications, including all supporting documents, need to be submitted by Week 12 of your first general practice training term (GPT 1). Outcomes are advised by the end of GPT 1.

Figure 1. RPLE process



Appendix

- **FSP RPLE application form**
- **FSP RPLE educational proforma**
- **FSP RPLE process map for registrars**
- **FSP RPLE checklist**