

FSP Recognition of prior learning and experience (RPLE)

Registrar guide

Overview

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

Firstly, it is important to read the following information on RPLE, found in the following 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 information to decide on whether you'd like to proceed with RPLE and whether this meets your learning needs.

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

What qualifies as RPLE?

From the 2024.2 cohort, the following RPLE guidelines apply:

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

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

You're also required to prove you have voluntarily withdrawn from another training program (AGPT or RVTS).

Any experience that does not fit all the above criteria will not be considered for RPLE.

What are the possible outcomes of an RPLE application?

The outcome maybe any of the following:

- You are granted RPLE for the entirety of the period claimed.
- You are granted RPLE for a part of the period claimed.
- You are not 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 about how RPLE affects the following:

- Your training time (program time) – it's likely to reduce your time in the education component of the FSP. This may not fit in with your individualised learning needs.
- Your exam eligibility (please refer to [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 are applying for RPLE.

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

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

2. Evidence of clinical experience

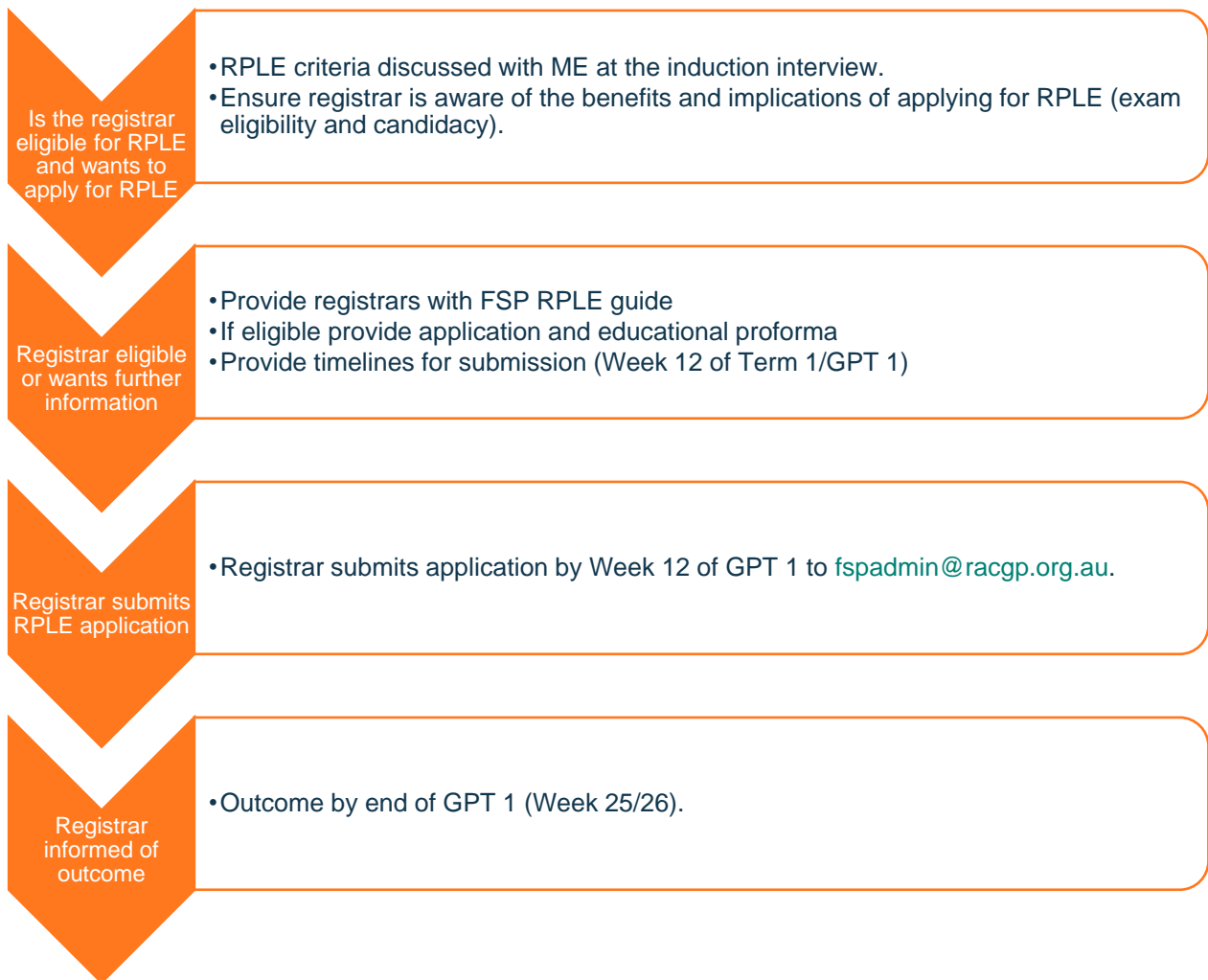
An educational proforma needs to be completed detailing:

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

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

Applications need to be submitted by Week 12 of your first general practice training term (GPT 1).

Outcomes are given by the end of GPT 1.



Appendix:

1. [FSP RPLE Application form](#)
2. [FSP RPLE Educational proforma](#)
3. [FSP RPLE Outcome letter template](#)
4. [FSP RPLE Process map for registrar](#)