

# *AGPT Rural Generalist Policy*

## Guidance for opting in or out

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### Effect of ticking the box

By ticking the box in the Selection and Assessment Management System (SAMS) that asks if you will be training as a Rural Generalist (RG), the following will apply:

1. Your training will be covered by the AGPT Rural Generalist Policy. This enables extra benefits for your training program. See section below.
2. You will be supported by your Regional Training Provider (RTO) through all stages of your training.
3. If your circumstances change in the future, you may opt out of training as an RG but continue to train towards the FRACGP. You will, however, need to remain on the rural pathway and continue to work in an MMM2-7 location.

### Effect of choosing not to tick the box

1. Your training will not be covered by the AGPT Rural Generalist Policy. This means the extra benefits available to those training in the RG pathway will not be available to you.
2. You may opt into being classified as an RG and training as an RG later in your training journey. This may be because you decide to undertake some Advanced Rural Skills Training (ARST) as you see the need for these skills in the community in which you are training or it may be because you have chosen to move to a remote or rural area that supports, and benefits from, your training in RG.
3. You may opt into being classified as an RG from any other pathway (general or rural).

### Benefits of stating your intent to train as a Rural Generalist under the AGPT RG provisions

- You have up to 6 years from the commencement of training to gain your FRACGP and FARGP (an additional, optional 52 weeks of funded training and support are available compared to those who choose to complete their FRACGP and FARGP without choosing the AGPT RG training option).
- You have the mechanism to complete your ARST training in MMM-1 locations and / or with other RTOs if the placement required to complete your ARST is not available in the region in which you are training.<sup>1</sup>
- You will be classified as an RG. This will allow you to access all benefits associated with the classification of RG as a specialty within General Practice, should the application to the Medical Board of Australia be successful. This future proofing of current RG training is underway and includes the refinement of the design of the FARGP and FRACGP training endpoint.

### Eligibility to be able to state that you will be training as a Rural Generalist

- You train toward the FRACGP and FARGP endpoints.
- You must be committed to rural practice, both throughout training and post-fellowship.

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<sup>1</sup> RTO's are the accredited training organisations that support registrars working towards fellowship to achieve training end points. State based rural generalist programs are the workforce coordination bodies which may have requirements outside of training requirements.