



Guidelines for the Assessment of AGPT Program Applicants with Conditions and/or Undertakings attached to their General Medical Registration

1.0 INTRODUCTION

Holding general medical registration with conditions and/or undertakings may:

- i. limit an applicant's ability to undertake training on the Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) Program;
- ii. limit a registrar's capacity to work in a general practice environment; and/or
- iii. have the potential to place patients and/or staff at risk.

Medical practitioners with provisional or limited medical registration may apply to the AGPT Program. However, such limitations must be considered before an applicant is selected into the program. A decision about whether an applicant's conditions and/or undertakings can be reasonably accommodated in the AGPT Program will be made during the eligibility phase of the program. For further information regarding the RACGP's selection process for the AGPT Program, please refer to the [RACGP Australian General Practice Training Program Selection Policy](#) and [A Guide to RACGP Selection for Entry into the AGPT Program](#).

These guidelines apply to applicants who have or anticipate having conditions and/or undertakings attached to their general medical registration at the time of commencing training in the AGPT Program.

These guidelines do not apply to doctors who hold provisional or limited medical registration with conditions or undertakings provided they receive general medical registration by Commencement of Training.

A training place offer for applicants who have provisional or limited medical registration will be conditional on them receiving general registration by Commencement of Training.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

- a. **AGPT Program** means the Australian General Practice Training Program
- b. **AHPRA** means the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency
- c. **AMC** means the Australian Medical Council
- d. **Applicant** means a medical practitioner who is applying for entry into the AGPT Program with the RACGP
- e. **Commencement of Training** has the same definition as in the Department of Health's AGPT Program policies, and means the first day in which a registrar begins their training on the AGPT Program
- f. **Level one supervision** requires that:
 - i. the supervisor takes direct and principal responsibility for each individual patient;
 - ii. the supervisor must be physically present at the workplace at all times when the medical practitioner is providing clinical care;
 - iii. the medical practitioner must consult their supervisor about the management of all patients at the time of the consultation and before the patient leaves the practice; and



- iv. supervision via telephone contact or other telecommunications is not permitted
This definition has been adapted from the *Medical Board of Australia Guidelines for Supervised Practice for Limited Registration*.
- g. **Limited registration** is defined by the [Medical Board of Australia](#), and is available to medical practitioners whose medical qualifications are from a medical school outside of Australia or New Zealand.
- h. **Provisional registration** is defined by the [Medical Board of Australia](#), and applies to people who are qualified for general registration and who are also required to complete a period of approved supervised practice in Australia before becoming eligible for general registration.
- i. **RTO** means Regional Training Organisation.

3.0 GUIDANCE

3.1 Applicant responsibilities

- i. Applicants are required to provide documentary evidence of their current medical registration status as part of their AGPT application.
- ii. Applicants are required to declare in their AGPT application if they have or anticipate having conditions and/or undertakings applied to their general medical registration at the Commencement of Training.
- iii. Failure to declare any conditions and/or undertakings may lead to investigation under the [Academic Misconduct Policy](#). The applicant may also be excluded and subsequently withdrawn from the AGPT Program in line with the *AGPT Withdrawal Policy 2020*.
- iv. Applicants with conditions and/or undertakings attached to their general medical registration are required to provide their consent for the release of all relevant information to the RACGP from the Medical Board of Australia through the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA). This information will then be considered by the RACGP to determine whether applicants with conditions on their medical registration are eligible to train on the AGPT Program.
- v. Failure to provide necessary documentation or consent will mean the applicant has not met the eligibility requirements for the AGPT Program; their application will be deemed ineligible and they will not proceed to the national assessment phase.

3.2 Eligibility Review Panel

- i. An Eligibility Review Panel will review the applications of medical practitioners who have conditions and/or undertakings attached to their general medical registration. The panel will determine whether an applicant's conditions and/or undertakings can be reasonably accommodated on the AGPT Program and therefore, whether the applicant is eligible to train on the AGPT Program.
- ii. The Eligibility Review Panel will be convened by the CEO (or delegate). The composition of the panel will comprise the following members:
 - i. "Chair" – the RACGP Censor-in-Chief (or delegate);



- ii. one Fellow of the RACGP familiar with the policies and general operations of the AGPT Program and who attained Fellowship of the RACGP within the last five years;
- iii. one Fellow of the RACGP familiar with the policies and general operations of the AGPT Program and specifically, supervision under the AGPT Program;
- iv. one RACGP representative familiar with the policies and general operations of the AGPT Program;
- v. one Department of Health representative familiar with the policies and general operations of the AGPT Program; and
- vi. one Regional Training Organisation (RTO) Director of Training.

3.3 Eligibility assessments

Applicants with conditions and/or undertakings will be placed in one of the following categories:

- i. **Category 1**, if the conditions and/or undertakings prevent the applicant from undertaking the AGPT Program. This includes but is not limited to:
 - a. any general medical registration conditions and/or undertakings that state that the applicant must have level one supervision; and
 - b. any general medical registration conditions and/or undertakings that restrict the applicant from seeing patients across all genders and ages.A Category 1 applicant will be determined to be *ineligible* for the AGPT Program.
- ii. **Category 2**, if the conditions and/or undertakings are to be reviewed by AHPRA prior to Commencement of Training. If an applicant cannot provide evidence from AHPRA that the conditions and/or undertakings will be removed prior to Commencement of Training, the applicant's eligibility for the AGPT Program will be assessed on the conditions and/or undertakings existing at the time of application.
- iii. **Category 3**, if the application is subject to further review by the Eligibility Review Panel at a later time. This may occur where the conditions and/or undertakings might prevent an applicant from undertaking the AGPT Program but the panel requires additional information from the applicant before a determination can be made. The further review will be conducted, and the applicant's eligibility for the AGPT Program determined, prior to the eligibility finalisation date.
- iv. **Category 4**, if the conditions and/or undertakings do not prevent the applicant from undertaking the AGPT Program. A Category 4 applicant will be determined to be *eligible* for the AGPT Program.

3.4 After an application is assessed

- i. Assessed eligibility for the AGPT Program does not guarantee that an applicant will be shortlisted or offered a training place.
- ii. Applicants who believe the decision regarding their eligibility for the AGPT Program was made incorrectly may apply for reconsideration of that decision in



line with the [RACGP Reconsiderations and Appeals Policy](#). An application for review must be received by the RACGP within two national office business days of the applicant being notified of their eligibility outcome.

4.0 REFERENCES

[RACGP Australian General Practice Training Program Selection Policy](#)

[A Guide to RACGP Selection for Entry into the AGPT Program](#)

[Academic Misconduct Policy](#)

[RACGP Reconsiderations and Appeals Policy](#)

[AGPT Withdrawal Policy 2020](#)