

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What is the Australian General Practice Training Program?

The Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) Program is an Australian government initiative which provides training for doctors to obtain general practice Fellowship and gain specialist registration.

The AGPT Program is three to four years of full-time training offered in urban, regional and rural locations nationally. It comprises hospital training, general practice placements and extended skills training.

What does the application and selection process entail?

See stages one to four of the AGPT selection flowchart, available at: **RACGP 2018 AGPT selection**

How much can I expect to earn as a FRACGP GP?

As a Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (FRACGP) GP, like other fellowed Australian GPs, general practice earnings can be determined based on a number of factors, including, but not limited to hours worked, complexity, Medicare item numbers, number of patient presentations and billing practices.

When working in a general practice setting fellowed GPs earnings are supported through access to A1 Medicare rebates.

To find out more about what you can expect to earn in different practice settings visit **GPRA NTCER**

The calculator is based on the earnings of a fellowed GP. Importantly, there is no difference in MBS patient rebates based on what general practice fellowship has been obtained.

What is involved in the RACGP selection process?

There are two main phases in the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) selection process. The first is undertaking the National Assessment which consists of the Candidate Assessment Applied Knowledge Test (CAAKT) and the second is attending an interview at a preferred Regional Training Organisation (RTO). Please refer to the AGPT selection flowchart, available at: **RACGP 2018 AGPT selection**

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What is the Regional Training Organisation interview process?

Candidates attend an interview at their allocated Regional Training Organisation (RTO). Candidates can select up to 4 preferred RTOs. The interview process considers your responses to between five and eight questions. Based on your performance at interview you may be offered a placement at the RTO.

Can my prior learning and experience be recognised as part of the AGPT Program?

Once you have been accepted into the AGPT Program you can work with your RTO to apply for Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL). RPL is assessed in accord with the RACGP's RPL policy.

If granted, RPL may reduce your training time.

Can I transfer between RTOs during my training?

Registrars on the AGPT Program remain in their training region for the duration of training. Applicants should not nominate a training region they are not willing to train in for the entire AGPT Program and if necessary, relocate to. While it is possible to transfer once training has begun, this needs to be approved by both RTOs involved. Transfers from rural to general pathways must be supported by evidence of exceptional circumstances that justify a pathway change, and be approved by the DoH.

Transfers between training regions and pathways are restricted and never guaranteed. For more information, please refer to **AGPT Policies**

How much does the AGPT cost?

The cost for the AGPT Program is the selection fee of \$725.00. The Australian government funds all training and education costs. AGPT Program participants also receive a guaranteed salary while in training in accord with the National Terms and Conditions for the Employment of Registrars (NTCER) available at: **GPRA NTCER**

The only other costs are to sit your exams and membership fees.

What is the difference between the rural pathway and general pathway with the RACGP?

The FRACGP is the same program for both the general and rural pathways, however, the context that the registrar is in significantly influences how those skills are utilised. Additionally, in the rural pathway the opportunity is available to develop further relevant rural skills by undertaking the Fellowship in Advanced Rural General Practice (FARGP). The AGPT has requirements as to where registrars may work according to pathway choice, general pathway registrars may work in any general practice location whereas rural pathway registrars are required to work in rural and remote general practice placements.

Can I do FARGP while doing FRACGP?

The FARGP is a specialist twelve-month program for registrars wishing to specialise in rural general practice. It is recommended that the FARGP is undertaken during general practice training to enable you to get the most out of your experience and fulfil the majority of FARGP requirements before heading into the FRACGP exams. FARGP can also be undertaken post-Fellowship.

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If I'm subject to the 10-year moratorium, what pathway do I need to go on?

The 10-year moratorium applies for a period of ten years from the date of your first registration, including provisional or limited registration. If you're subject to the moratorium, you will be required to go on the rural pathway. You can find further information on this in the 2018 AGPT Handbook or on **AGPT** website.

Further information

Further information will be available at www.racgp.org.au soon

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