

Composite pathway FAQs

Australian General Practice Training Program 2026 cohort

What is a composite pathway?

On the general composite pathway, you'll spend a minimum 26 calendar weeks of your general practice community training in your choice of nominated composite pathway regions as outlined in the [Australian General Practice Training Program Guide](#) and the [training location commitment schedule](#). You'll undertake the remainder of your community general practice training in the region or subregion that you have been made an offer.

Not all training regions offer composite pathways, however general pathway registrars can choose to undertake a rural rotation at any time during their training. Please see the [Australian General Practice Training Program Guide](#) for details.

Where can I undertake my composite rotation?

You can choose to undertake your rotation in a rural location in any of the following areas:

- [North West Queensland](#)
- [Northern Territory](#)
- [NSW - New England](#)
- [NSW – Murrumbidgee](#)
- [NSW – Western New South Wales](#)

When is the rural rotation required to be completed?

You can choose to undertake your rural rotation during your first, second or third community general practice training term (GPT1, GPT2 or GPT3).

Can I do my rural rotation in another region other than those listed?

You'll need to undertake minimum 26 calendar weeks in GPT1, GPT2 or GPT3 in one of the nominated composited pathway regions above.

Can I extend my rural placement?

Yes. You can extend your rural placement beyond the 26 calendar weeks requirement.

Can I do more than one rural rotation and can I do it in another region?

Once you've completed your rural rotation in one of the nominated composite pathway regions, if you'd like to undertake additional rural placements these can be done in any rural MM 2-7 location in Australia.

Can I undertake the composite pathway part-time?

Yes. However, you'll need to complete six months full-time equivalent general practice term training time in the rural rotation.

Do I still need to meet the Australian General Practice Training Program training location commitments if I'm on the composite pathway?

Yes. More information about these can be found in the [Australian General Practice Training \(AGPT\) Program Guide](#).

Does the RACGP provide financial support for rural rotations?

Yes, we provide significant supports for GP registrars during rural training including placement incentives for locations of need. See the [support and subsidy page](#) or contact us on becomeagp@racgp.org.au for more information.

How are applicants allocated to composite pathways?

You can preference if you'd like to be considered for a composite pathway in your AGPT application.

Please see our [website](#) for more information about composite pathways.

Can I apply for an exemption or transfer?

Exemptions and transfers are uncommon as they require evidence of extraordinary and unforeseen circumstances. If you know of a reason that will prevent you from completing the composite pathway requirements, you should not accept the offer.

Where can I find more information?

Please see the [Australian General Practice Training \(AGPT\) Program Guide](#). If you have any additional queries, we're here to help. Please contact us on becomeagp@racgp.org.au.