



RURAL EXPERIENCED ENTRY TO FELLOWSHIP (REEF) POLICY

1. Purpose

- 1.1** This policy describes the pathway to ACRRM Fellowship for Specialist General Practitioners with considerable rural experience.

2. Application and scope

- 2.1** Doctors holding Specialist Registration in the specialty of General Practice with the Australian Medical Board and five years rural experience.

3. Policy

- 3.1** Rural Experienced Entry to Fellowship (REEF) provides an alternative entry point to the Independent Pathway for Specialist General Practitioners with rural experience.
- 3.2** REEF leads to Fellowship of ACRRM through an AMC accredited pathway and is recognised in reciprocal arrangements with other international medical colleges.
- 3.3** Doctors meeting the following eligibility criteria can enrol in the Independent Pathway through REEF:
- 3.3.1 Specialist Registration in the specialty of General Practice with the Medical Board of Australia, with no conditions
 - 3.3.2 Five years of rural experience following Specialist Registration
 - 3.3.3 Demonstrated extended practice relevant to community needs
 - 3.3.4 Currency and compliance with an AMC accredited professional development program
 - 3.3.5 ACRRM ordinary membership
 - 3.3.6 Compliance with ALS and CPD membership
- 3.4** Rural experience is providing effective clinical care away from ready access to specialist, diagnostic and allied health services. Generally, this experience will involve providing health care across primary, secondary, and emergency care settings.
- 3.4.1 Australian locations MMM 4-7 will count, MMM 3 case by case.
 - 3.4.2 Work from locations that were rural at the time experience was gained but the location no longer fits the rural characteristics will count.
 - 3.4.3 Other locations or roles that provide this type of experience will be considered.

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- 35** Extended practice relevant to community needs requires demonstration of developing skills described in the Rural Generalist Curriculum – Advanced Specialised content to meet the needs of the community.
- 3.5.1 Extended practice in the disciplines approved for Advanced Specialised Training will meet this requirement.
 - 3.5.2 Other areas of extended practice may be accepted at the discretion of the Censor in Chief providing they can demonstrate that the work is/was required for their community and the skill set is beyond that described in the Rural Generalist Curriculum – Core Generalist content.
- 36** Completion Requirements:
- 3.6.1 Complete application form
 - 3.6.2 Demonstration of ideally 5 or more years of rural practice since gaining Specialist Registration however flexibility within this space remains at the discretion of the Censor
 - 3.6.3 Completion of a course meeting ACRRM CPD, ALS requirements within the current triennium
 - 3.6.4 Two letters of recommendation from existing FACRRMs
 - 3.6.5 Structured interview with Regional Director of Training or delegate
- 37** The Censor in Chief has the discretion to vary completion requirements.
- 38** Completion of requirements are approved by the Censor in Chief and a recommendation made to the ACRRM Board for Fellowship.

4. Related Documentation

- 41** Rural Generalist Fellowship Curriculum
- 42** Fellowship Assessment Handbook
- 43** Continuing Professional Development Program Handbook

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5. Definitions

Word/Term	Definition (with examples if required)
IP	Independent Pathway – an AMC accredited training pathway leading to FACRRM
QI &CPD	RACGP Quality Improvement and Continuous Development Program
MMM	Modified Monash Model 1-7 see https://www.health.gov.au/health-workforce/health-workforce-classifications/modified-monash-model
PDP	ACRRM Continuing Professional Development Program
Specialist Registration as General Practitioner	Being included on the General Practitioner Specialist Register with the Medical Board of Australia

6. Policy Control Documentation

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