



JOINT COLLEGE GUIDANCE

AGPT Program Inter-College Transfer

Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) registrar/s may apply to transfer between the Colleges (Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) and Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM)) to complete Fellowship.

This guidance document details the scope, principles and processes involved in facilitating all eligible applications.

1. Scope

This guidance document applies to registrars on the AGPT program training in either the RACGP or ACRRM and will be applicable from 07 August 2025.

2. Guiding Principles

2.1 Registrar

- i. Only currently enrolled registrars on the AGPT program may apply to transfer to continue training with the other College.
- ii. The registrar must have read and understood the relevant policies in section 3 of this document, for both Colleges prior to submission of application.
- iii. The registrar must have their transfer endorsed by their original College; this includes a discussion with the registrar's support team to obtain and complete the relevant application form.
- iv. All information related to, or pertaining to a registrar's training will be transferred and shared with the receiving College noting any information under this Guidance document is subject to the normal requirements for compliance with the *Privacy Act 1988 (C'th)*. This includes but is not limited to:
 - a. any interruptions or delays in training, such as focused interventions or remediation and unsuccessful assessment attempts will be highlighted with additional information available on request.
 - b. any issues that may affect the timely completion of either Fellowship.
- v. Each College reserves the right to seek further information and reasoning before reviewing a request to transfer.
- vi. Training time, education assessment and examinations undertaken will be considered at the discretion of the receiving College Censor.
 - i. The registrar must have sufficient training, education, assessment and examination requirements remaining to complete all training requirements determined by the receiving College's delegate e.g. Censor (RACGP) or National Director of Training (ACRRM), for a transfer to be approved.
 - ii. The registrar and original College will be provided with an outcome letter from the receiving College.
 - iii. Commencement of training, post-transfer, will be aligned with the following semester unless there are

extenuating circumstances that require consideration. This would be at the discretion of the College.

- a. Commencement will depend on the placement requirements e.g. accreditation status of the training site, application for Medicare provider number (MPN) and any other considerations.
- b. Registrar is subject to all AGPT and receiving College's declaration statements for entering the program.
- iv. Transferring College does not provide any additional vocational training time for the registrar. Once the registrar has commenced training with the receiving College, they are subject to the College's policies, procedures and guidelines.
- v. If the registrar accepts the outcome and proceeds with transferring:
 - a. The registrar will inform the receiving College in writing of their acceptance and become a member of the receiving College within as per college policy.
 - b. The registrar will inform the original College in writing of their commencement start date once known.
- vi. To transfer from ACRRM to the RACGP, the registrar must remain on the rural pathway. Exemptions may be granted after the transfer is complete, as per the *RACGP Transfer Policy*.
- vii. To transfer from RACGP to ACRRM, the registrar must enter with a placement in a MMM2-7 location. Exceptions may be granted as per the [ACRRM Training Placements Policy](#).

2.2 Colleges

- viii. The receiving College delegate reviews and determines the registrar's training, education, assessments and examinations requirements and their stage of training for commencement.
- ix. To ensure a comprehensive review can be undertaken, the receiving College will endeavor to provide the registrar with an outcome within 90 days of a complete application, however, they reserve the right to extend this timeframe if complexities in application assessment are identified.
- x. The receiving College will work with the registrar on a formal RACGP Recognition of Prior Learning and Experience (RPLE) or ACRRM Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL) application and updated training plan.
- xi. To transfer from ACRRM to the RACGP, the registrar will be allocated to rural pathway and must remain on the rural pathway. Exemptions may be granted after the transfer is complete, as per the *RACGP Transfer Policy*.
- xii. To transfer from RACGP to ACRRM, the registrar must enter with a placement in a MMM2-7 location. Exceptions may be granted as per the *ACRRM Training Placements Policy*.

3. AGPT Program Obligations

All information related to, or affecting training should be transferred. The transfer of any information under this Guidance document is subject to the normal requirements for compliance with the Privacy Act 1988 (C'th).

Registrars must be financial members of the respective College during training, for training to be recognised and contribute to training time.

4. Glossary

AGPT Registrar	A registrar registered under section 3GA of the Health Insurance Act 1973 (Cth) in the Australian General Practice Training Program.
Extenuating and unforeseen circumstance	Circumstances which are outside the registrar's control and can reasonably be considered to have been unforeseen and can be shown to have a direct and significant impact on the registrar. The Colleges consider Extenuating and Unforeseen Circumstances on a case-by-case basis.
RACGP Policies and Resources	1. <i>RACGP Training Programs Entry Policy</i> 2. <i>RACGP Recognition of Prior Learning and Experience Policy</i> 3. <i>RACGP Fellowship Exams Policy</i> 4. <i>RACGP Requirements for Fellowship Policy</i>
ACRRM Policies and Resources	1. <i>ACRRM Leave from Training policy</i> 2. <i>ACRRM Recognition of Prior learning Policy</i> 3. <i>ACRRM Training Program Requirements Policy</i> 4. <i>ACRRM Withdrawal from Training Policy</i> 5. <i>ACRRM Eligibility for Training Policy</i> 6. <i>ACRRM Access to training Policy</i>