

# Australian General Practice Training Guide

## What is AGPT?

Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) is a vocational training program for medical officers wishing to pursue a career in general practice and / or rural and remote medicine in Australia. The AGPT program is a three or four year full-time registrar training program funded by the Australian Government and delivered by Regional Training Organisations (RTOs).

Through AGPT, RTOs deliver training according to college curricula to allow registrars to attain a general practice fellowship. Rural Generalist Trainees are required to complete Fellowship of the:

- Australian College Rural Remote Medicine (FACRRM) or;
- Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (FRACGP) plus Advanced Rural General Practice (FARGP).

This guide is designed to assist trainees in locating information regarding the application process and the training options available. It is recommended that trainees seek advice from their Director of Rural Generalist Training (DRGT) before making application and throughout the process if any questions arise.

There are alternative training options to AGPT, some of which are self-funded. More information is available [here](#).

## What is the difference between AGPT, RTOs, Colleges and the QRGP?

We've provided some information in the appendix of this guide to illustrate how the parties involved in your general practice training fit together.

## When do AGPT applications open and how do I apply?

Applications are generally open between April and May, for commencement the following year. The application and selection process is coordinated by the relevant college/s you apply to. More information is available at the [ACRRM website](#) and [ACRRM selection process](#) webpage and the [RACGP website](#) and [RACGP selection process](#) webpage. For AGPT eligibility information, please refer to the AGPT Eligibility Guide on the [AGPT website](#).

## How do I choose which RTO to apply to?

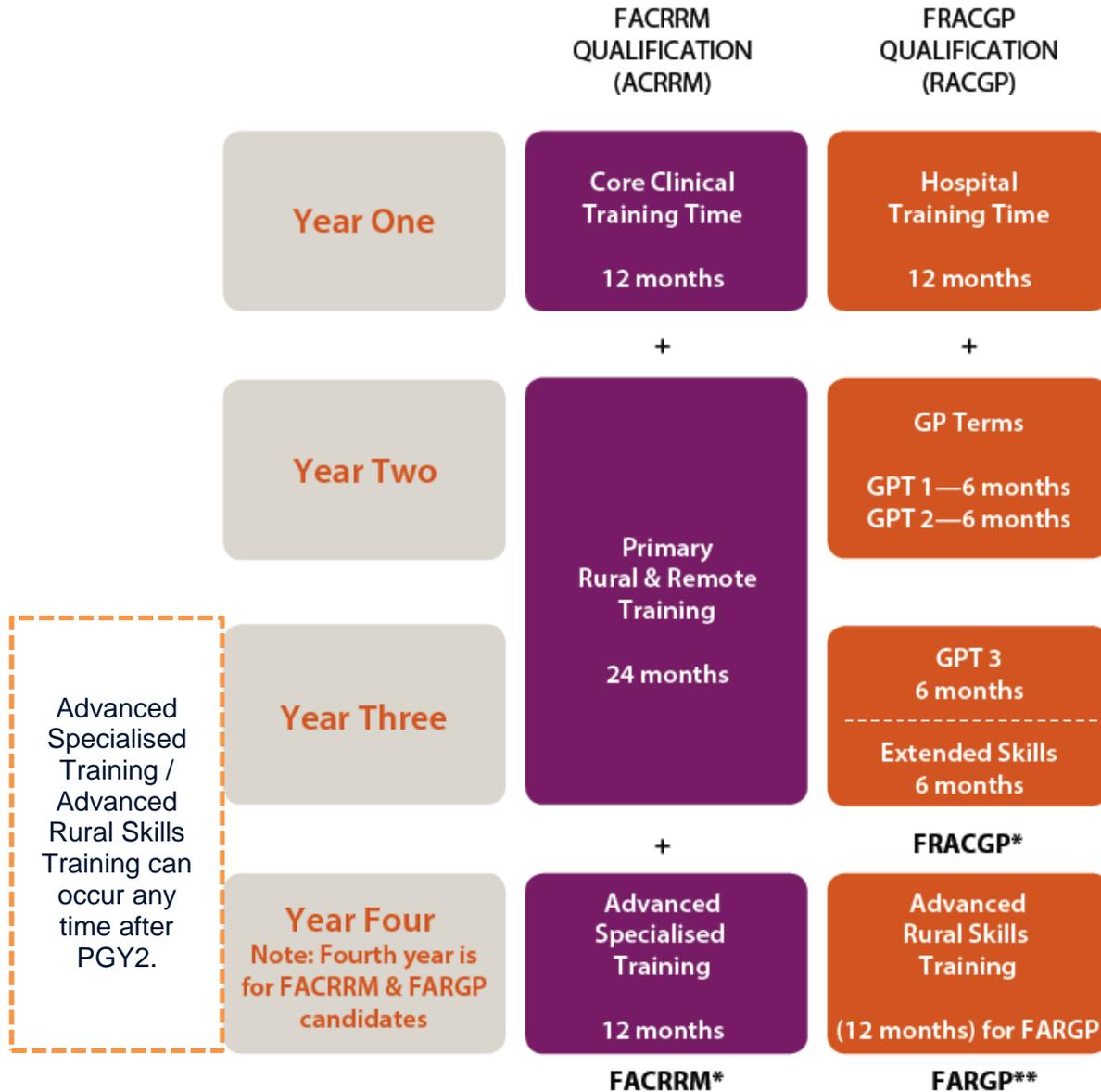
There are two RTOs in Queensland; [Generalist Medical Training \(GMT\)](#) and [General Practice Training Queensland \(GPTQ\)](#). The RTOs have separate geographical training regions and they coordinate training within their region only. Please click [here](#) for more information on RTO training regions.

AGPT expects that registrars will complete all of their training in their RTO region and transfer requests are subject to a formal application process detailed by each RTO. The AGPT transfer policy can be accessed [here](#) and should be carefully reviewed prior to making application. The general advice is to apply to the RTO that covers the area where you intend to undertake the rural practice component of your training. Specific advice is available from your DRGT.

It is important that you keep your DRGT informed of your training intentions so the team can discuss how these may impact on your AGPT obligations and offer assistance to you as required.

## What does AGPT training look like?

The following diagram, from the AGPT Handbook, illustrates the training path for each college. It should be noted that Advanced Specialised Training / Advanced Rural Skills Training can occur any time after PGY2.



† There may be flexibility in the order in which training terms may be undertaken.

\* Leading to specialist (general practice) registration.

\*\* The FARGP is a specialist twelve month program for registrars wishing to specialise in rural general practice.

There are instances where training time and experience for one fellowship may be recognised towards another or subsequent fellowship. Please refer to the relevant college or regional training organisation.

Source: 2018 AGPT Handbook available online at <http://www.agpt.com.au/>

## Who should I contact if I have questions?

If your question relates specifically to the application process the colleges coordinate, or you would like to find out more information about each RTO, please contact the appropriate organisation directly.

For assistance regarding how AGPT and your choice of RTO will fit with your Rural Generalist Training, please contact your DRGT or the QRGD team on 1800 680 291 or [rural\\_generalist@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:rural_generalist@health.qld.gov.au).

## Appendix: How AGPT, RTOs, Colleges and the QRGP fit together

Organisation	Function	Scope	Duration
AGPT	Fund RTOs to deliver AGPT program for medical graduates wishing to specialise in general / rural generalist practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fund training</li> <li>• Make training places available to Colleges / RTOs</li> <li>• Monitor RTO compliance</li> </ul>	From commencement on AGPT through until completion of program (generally four years).
RTOs	Deliver the relevant College/s training program based on College standards and requirements.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruit registrars</li> <li>• Develop individual learning plans for registrars</li> <li>• Deliver training through a network of approved training locations and educational activities</li> <li>• Guide and monitor training progress and completion</li> </ul>	From enrolment with AGPT to completion of fellowship training.
College	Set professional medical standards for general practice which lead to full vocational recognition for Medicare A1 item numbers and unsupervised practice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate AGPT selection process</li> <li>• Develop and maintain curriculum and training and assessment standards</li> <li>• Confer fellowship</li> <li>• Monitor continuing professional development</li> </ul>	From enrolment to completion of training and continuing professional development.
Queensland Rural Generalist Pathway	Provide medical graduates with a supported training pathway to a career in rural and remote medicine; and rural and remote communities with a skilled medical workforce.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Recruit final year medical students / postgraduate medical officers interested in a rural medical career</li> <li>• Provide education, training and case management from commencement to completion of training and beyond</li> <li>• Assist with placement</li> <li>• Guide and monitor career planning intentions and outcomes</li> </ul>	From final year medical school to alumni involvement.

