

# Rural Generalist Intern Ballot Exemption/Special Consideration Guide

The Queensland Rural Generalist Pathway (QRGP) is committed to ensuring recruitment, selection and balloting processes are undertaken in a fair and equitable manner and follow due process.

## Purpose

It is recognised that applicants may have extenuating circumstances which need to be taken into consideration prior to the Intern Placement process.

The intent of this guide is to outline the eligibility, application and review process for ballot exemption / special consideration.

## Eligibility

[Group A](#) Rural Generalist applicants can apply for ballot exemption / special consideration. Group B Rural Generalist applicants are not eligible to apply.

## Principles

Once eligibility is established, the following terms and conditions apply:

- Trainees may only apply for an exemption **or** a joint ticket, **not both**.
- Trainees must indicate intent to apply for an exemption by the nominated deadline.
- Trainees will be required to demonstrate the extent of personal or family hardship likely to result if application for special exemption / consideration is denied.
- Submission of supporting evidence must be received in full by the nominated deadline. Supporting documentation requirements can be found [here](#). It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure satisfactory evidence is provided.
- Submission for an exemption does not place any liability or onus on the QRGP team to ensure the request is approved.

All applications for exemption are examined on a case by case basis in accordance with Queensland Health guidelines. Application can be made under **one** of the following rules:

### Rule 1: partner is in fulltime tertiary study

The applicant is a member of a couple where a partner is in full time tertiary study, unable to be completed externally.

Applicants must provide:

- Two Queensland statutory declarations (information and form available for download [here](#))
- [Evidence](#) of couple status
- [Evidence](#) of university status

## Rule 2: business ownership

The applicant's partner or the applicant themselves owns and operates a non-transferable business.

Applicants must provide:

- Two Queensland statutory declarations (information and form available for download [here](#))
- [Evidence](#) of couple status
- [Evidence](#) that partner or self owns and operates a non-transferable business.

## Rule 3: exceptional compassionate grounds or other exceptional reason

The applicant has exceptional compassionate grounds or other exceptional reasons.

Applicants must provide all of the following:

- Two Queensland statutory declarations (information and form available for download [here](#))
- Medical certificate/s/other supporting documentation stating what the exceptional compassionate grounds or other exceptional reasons are
- Evidence of the compassionate circumstances. For example, where special consideration is sought due to a medical condition, there must be sufficient evidence that treatment for the medical condition cannot be transferred to another facility location

*NB: The term "couple" and "partner" in the context of this document is defined as "...married or de facto for at least nine months at the time of application and includes same sex couples/partners."*

## Application

Candidates wishing to be considered for ballot exemption / special consideration nominate this at the time of completing the Rural Generalist Intern Application. After live preferencing, candidates will be sent an email requesting supporting documentation by a nominated deadline. Applicants who remain in an equal or undersubscribed location at the end of live preferencing will not be required to submit any further documentation.

## Review

Applications will be considered by the Exemption / Special Consideration and Joint Ticket Committee (the Committee). The Committee comprises the following members or their proxies:

- Office of the Chief Medical Officer (OCMO) Representatives
- Director of Rural Generalist Training, QRGP
- Program Coordinator, QRGP
- Manager, QRGP

Applicants who are successful in meeting the criteria for exemption will be allocated to their first preferred Rural Generalist Training Hospital and precluded from any oversubscribed Rural Generalist Intern Ballot process which may take place, except where the number of approved applications exceeds the number of facility positions available. In this instance a South East Corner ballot make take place.

Applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision at the same time that all Queensland Applicant Group A intern offers are released.

*NB: Decisions made by the Exemption / Special Consideration and Joint Ticket Committee are final and are not subject to challenge or appeal.*

## Further Information

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Queensland Rural Generalist Pathway team.

Phone: 1800 680 291

Email: [rural\\_generalist@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:rural_generalist@health.qld.gov.au)

Website: <http://ruralgeneralist.qld.gov.au/>

## Related documents

- Rural Generalist Intern Placement Preferencing and Ballot Guide
- Rural Generalist Intern Joint Ticket Guide
- Rural Generalist Intern Recruitment Campaign dates

## Version Control

This document will be reviewed annually.

**Date of last review:** 16 January 2018