

Rural Generalist Intern Joint Ticket 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

To enable Rural Generalist trainee couples the opportunity to apply for a joint ticket to be allocated to the same Rural Generalist Training Hospital in internship. The following outlines the eligibility, application and review process for Rural Generalist trainees wishing to apply for a joint ticket.

Eligibility

Group A Rural Generalist trainee applicants who are a couple and are completing their medical degree at the same time and are due to commence training at the beginning of the medical year are eligible to apply for a joint ticket. If an applicant within the couple is not a Rural Generalist trainee applicant or one or both are a Group B applicant, the couple is ineligible to apply for a joint ticket.

Definition

The applicants' relationship must meet the definition of a 'couple' (for the purposes of this application). They must be ".....married or de facto (including same sex couples) for at least nine months at the time of application."

Principles

Once eligibility has been established, the following terms and conditions apply:

- Rural Generalist trainee applicants may only apply for an exemption / special consideration **or** a joint ticket, **not both**.
- Rural Generalist trainee applicants must indicate intent to apply for a joint ticket by the nominated deadline. Both applicants must submit identical hospital preferences. Where this does not occur, the application will be deemed ineligible.
- Submission of supporting evidence must be received in full by the nominated deadline.
- Submission of a joint ticket request does not place any liability or onus on the QRGP team to ensure the request is approved.
- A successful joint ticket application does not preclude applicants from the oversubscribed hospital ballot process. If a successful joint ticket applicant is selected through the oversubscribed ballot process, both Rural Generalist trainee applicants on the joint ticket will be removed from that hospital and allocated to the **next available** facility where two positions remain vacant.

Supporting documentation

Rural Generalist trainee applicants are required to supply statutory declarations and other documentary evidence that confirms their relationship meets the required definition of a couple.

Copied documents must be certified by a Commissioner for Declarations, Justice of the Peace or solicitor as true copies of the originals, and that person must not be a family member.

Statutory declarations

A minimum of two Queensland statutory declarations are required.

The first should:

- be from the applicant applying for a joint ticket
- note the hospital that both guaranteed offer graduates are applying to
- declare the couple status
- list what documents have been supplied to support their application for a joint ticket

The second:

- should confirm the applicants couple status
- must be from someone other than the applicants themselves

Family members cannot:

- witness or sign any declarations
- certify any documents

Download the [Queensland Statutory declaration](#) (these can also be obtained from any Australia Post Office). Commonwealth Statutory declarations will not be accepted.

Evidence of couple status

Rural Generalist trainee applicants must provide certified copies of one of the following:

1. Marriage certificate or Queensland statutory declaration from person/s who can vouch the couple have been in a de facto relationship for at least nine months at the time of application.
2. Recent utility accounts (e.g. phone, gas or electricity) that have both partner's names, or separate utility accounts that each partner receive at the same address.
3. Lease agreement with both partner's names.

Evidence of MBBS enrolment and completion date

Rural Generalist trainee applicants must provide certified copies of correspondence from a Queensland university which confirms that both students:

- are currently enrolled in MBBS / Doctor of Medicine course
- will complete their course requirements at the same time.

Student identification cards, semester timetables and / or academic transcripts are not sufficient.

Application

Both partners must apply for a joint ticket via their respective Rural Generalist Pathway intern applications and list their partner's name. After live preferencing, candidates will be sent an email requesting supporting documentation by a nominated deadline. Rural Generalist trainee 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 Committee

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
- Medical Director, QRGP
- Program Coordinator, QRGP
- Manager, QRGP

Rural Generalist trainee applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision at the same time that all Queensland applicant Group A intern offers are released. Decisions made by the Committee are final and are not subject to challenge or appeal.

Further information

If you require any further information, please contact the QRGP team.

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Related documents

- Rural Generalist Intern Application Guide
- Rural Generalist Intern Placement Preferencing and Balloting Guide
- Rural Generalist Intern Exemption and Special Consideration Guide
- Rural Generalist Intern Roll-back Guide
- Rural Generalist Intern Swapping and Withdrawal Guide

Version control

This document is reviewed annually.

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