

Diploma of Rural Generalist Anaesthesia (DRGA) FAQs

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What does Recommended Pre-Learning mean?

- The “Recommendations” are designed to best position yourself to meet the DRGA curriculum in 12 months. They are not pre-requisites to apply but are highly encouraged. Please speak with your Rural Generalist Training Advisor (RGTA) if you would like to discuss how best to structure your training and preparation for DRGA.

In what PGY can I apply for the DRGA?

- It depends on when you have joined a GP college (you must have completed at least one year of GP fellowship training before starting your DRGA). If you are successful in applying for your chosen GP college in PGY1, you could apply for your DRGA year in PGY2 to commence DRGA training in PGY3.
- The Queensland Rural Generalist Pathway (QRGP) encourages registrars to apply in PGY3+ to ensure they have the appropriate experience prior to commencement.

Should I try and get a rural rotation before applying for the DRGA?

- QRGP strongly recommends all registrars considering a DRGA year to have some rural experience. This could be completed as a medical student, but ideally as a prevocational term or during GP fellowship training before applying for the DRGA.

What happens if I didn't get rural experience as a medical student?

- There is often opportunity to have rural experience in prevocational years. Speak with your RGTA or Hospital Director of Clinical Training (DCT) to see what opportunities there are for rural exposure.

How long does my rural rotation in resident/registrar years need to be?

- QRGP encourages rural exposure throughout your training. However, there is no minimum or maximum amount of rural experience required prior to the DRGA.

What if I am unable to complete the course requirements during my DRGA year?

- There are specific courses required for the Diploma. If there is an issue with course attendance, you would delay your completion of the Diploma. The courses can be completed during your DRGA year or prior. Please speak with your DRGA Supervisor and RGTA if you are having issues attending the required courses.

What if I am unable to complete my DRGA requirements in 12 months? What if I fail the assessment?

- If you are experiencing challenges throughout your DRGA year, please ensure you speak with your DRGA Supervisor and your RGTA early. If you are unable to complete the DRGA in 12 months, we will help to construct a plan to provide you the best opportunity to complete your DRGA the following year. The maximum duration of the DRGA is two years.