

QRGP 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 QRGP applicant couples the opportunity to apply for a joint ticket to be allocated to the same Rural Generalist Training Hospital in internship.

Eligibility

Group A QRGP 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 QRGP 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:

- QRGP applicants can only make application to one of the following:
 - Special consideration
 - Joint ticket
 - Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Intern Allocation Initiative
- QRGP 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 QRGP applicants on the joint ticket will be removed from that hospital and allocated to the **next available** facility where two positions remain vacant. If this process causes an oversubscribed hospital to become undersubscribed and other applicants have previously been balloted out of this hospital, a rollback process occurs where the last applicant to be balloted out of that facility returns to this hospital. In the instance where one member of the joint ticket is drawn in the ballot and two vacancies are not available at any one QRGP hospital, the couple retain their first preferred allocation.

Application

Both partners must apply for a joint ticket via their respective QRGP intern applications and list their partner's name. After live preferencing, candidates will be sent an email requesting supporting documentation by a nominated deadline. QRGP applicants who remain in an equal or undersubscribed location at the end of live preferencing will not be required to submit any further documentation.

Supporting documentation

QRGP 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. Commonwealth Statutory declarations will not be accepted.

The first declaration should:

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

The second declaration:

- 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

Evidence of couple status

QRGP 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

QRGP 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.

Review Committee

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

- Medical Advisory and Prevocational Accreditation Unit (MAPAU) representatives
- Medical Director, QRGP
- Rural Generalist Training Advisor, QRGP
- Manager, QRGP

QRGP applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision at the same time as 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

Contact the QRGP team on 1800 680 291 or rural_generalist@health.qld.gov.au

Related documents

- QRGP Intern Application Guide
- QRGP Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander Intern Allocation Initiative Guide
- QRGP Intern Placement Preferencing and Balloting Guide
- QRGP Intern Special Consideration Guide
- QRGP Intern Rollback Guide
- QRGP Intern Transfer Guide
- QRGP Intern Swapping Guide
- QRGP Decline and Withdrawal Guide