

What is the Remote Vocational Training Scheme?

The Remote Vocational Training Scheme (RVTS) offers general practice registrars an alternative pathway to Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) and/or the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM).

The RVTS is an independent, Commonwealth-funded program with its own application process and intake quota. The program has two streams of trainees:

- The Remote Stream for doctors working in rural and remote Australia.
- The AMS Stream providing support specifically for registrars in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services.

The program delivers structured distance education and supervision to doctors while they continue to provide general medical services to a remote and/or isolated community.

The curriculum is designed to accommodate the practical educational issues of remoteness by providing well supported remote supervision. It is specifically tailored to the needs of rural and remote medical practice, incorporating the [RACGP Curriculum](#) and the [ACRRM Primary Curriculum](#).

The RVTS is a three to four year training program. Fellowship of the RACGP requires three years of full-time training, plus an optional additional year to complete Fellowship in Advanced Rural General Practice. Fellowship of ACRRM requires four years of full-time training.

Recognition of prior learning is determined on an individual basis and may shorten the training time.

Training and supervision

The RVTS training is provided via distance education with supervision facilitated remotely.

The program is flexible and designed to meet the participant's individual needs with education delivered in the following ways:

Live weekly webinars

- Registrars participate in weekly, 60-90 minute education sessions via webinars.

Face-to-face workshops

- Twice a year, registrars meet at a central location for an intensive, five-day education workshop that covers topics best learnt face-to-face. During the workshops, there are networking and socialising opportunities. Families can travel with registrars.

Remote supervision

- Each registrar is allocated a supervisor who acts as a mentor, providing educational advice.

Clinical teaching visits

- A supervisor or an experienced rural practitioner visits each registrar to sit in on consultations and provide feedback.

Eligibility criteria for the RVTS

To apply for the program, doctors must meet the following eligibility criteria:

Location - Remote Stream

- The location must be in Modified Monash Model MMM 4 - MMM 7.
- The position must be providing continuing comprehensive whole-patient medical care to individuals, families and their communities.

Location - AMS Stream

- The location must be an Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Service in MMM 2 - MMM 7.
- The position must be providing continuing comprehensive whole-patient medical care to individuals, families and their communities.

Medical registration – both streams

- Doctors must have general, provisional or limited registration for area of need with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).
- The doctor must be working in an eligible location at the time of applying and remain in that location throughout their training.
- Applications are accepted from Australian citizens, permanent residents and temporary residents.
- Preference for both streams will be given to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander doctors.

Doctors with limited registration

- The doctor must have been granted limited registration on or after 30 January 2018 (date changes yearly).
- The doctor must have successfully completed the Australian Medical Council (AMC) part 1 exam on the AMC Standard Pathway.
- The doctor must be at level 3 or 4 supervision. Level 1 and 2 are not eligible.

Further information

To find out more about the Remote Vocational Training Scheme, call 02 6057 3400 or visit rvts.org.au

Resources and helpful links

- Remote Vocational Training Scheme [RVTS Registrar Handbook \(PDF\)](#)
- Doctor Connect [Health Workforce Locator Tool](#)

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