



OUTER METROPOLITAN AND RURAL PLACEMENTS POLICY

1 Purpose & Rationale

- 1.1 To outline IGPE policy and process on rural and outer metropolitan terms.
- 1.2 As part of AGPT policy registrars are required to complete a 6 month rural term and a 6 month outer metropolitan term during their general practice training placement.

2 Policy statement

- 2.1 IGPE registrars are required to complete a 6 month fulltime rural term and a 6 month fulltime or part time outer metropolitan term during their general practice training placement, as part of GPET requirements.
- 2.2 A 12 month full time rural term qualifies the registrar for an automatic outer metropolitan exemption.
- 2.3 If the registrar completes their rural term part time (**and** does not relocate), they are required to complete 12 months in order for their rural requirement to be met. Otherwise, a rural exemption will have to be sought by the registrar any time less than 12 months, and if granted an appropriate AMSN urban post undertaken in lieu.
- 2.4 Relocation, rental and phone subsidies are paid to all registrars in accordance to IGPE rural relocation and support document.

3 Process

- 3.1 Registrars are required to indicate on the GP Term Application Form their preference for a rural term, including the preferred region. Registrars are allocated to a rural Regional Training Provider (RTP) and subsequently by the rural RTP to an appropriate practice.
- 3.2 Registrars who wish to extend their current rural term to complete 12 months in the same practice/region need to discuss this with the rural RTP as well as indicate this on the appropriate GP Term Application Form.
- 3.3 IGPE will discuss the availability of terms with the rural RTP. Once approval has been given by IGPE and the rural RTP for the extension, appropriate term paperwork will be completed. Only one relocation allowance is payable unless a registrar relocates to another rural region.

4 Scope

This policy applies to all IGPE registrars.

5 Responsibilities of this policy

5.1 Medical educators, training advisors, administrative staff, Director of GP training

6 Resources

Necessary resources include appropriate rural and outer metropolitan terms prepared to take registrars fulltime and part-time and local mechanisms for registrars to appeal.

7 Related documentation

8 Review schedule

This policy will be reviewed in 3 years or as the need arises