

Queensland Basic Physician Training (Adult Medicine) Network

FAQs for current network trainees considering interrupting training or resigning.

What is an interruption of training?

Interrupted training is any absence (full-time) from an approved training position which exceeds the allowable absence as set out in the [RACP Progression through training and Flexible Training Policies](#) (currently eight weeks / 40 working days). Examples include extended leave, extended illness, parental leave or postgraduate study.

I am planning on interrupting my training what do I need to do?

Any interruption of training must be discussed with your Director of Physician Education (DPE) and Network Rotation Coordinator (NRC) as soon as you are aware of the need for interruption. Ideally, you should proactively communicate your intentions, reasons, and needs regarding interrupting training at least 10 weeks prior to commencement of the interruption.

You will be notified by your NRC regarding the outcome of your request. If your request for an interruption to training is supported by the network, you must then apply in writing for an interruption of training with the Royal Australian College of Physicians (RACP). Refer to the [RACP webpage](#) for further information. To ensure your individual circumstances are considered and your needs are managed fairly we recommend discussing your circumstances in detail with your DPE and NRC before making any formal requests.

I want to recommence training after an interruption, what do I need to do?

Trainees returning from an interruption of training are required to contact their NRC to discuss their plans and must apply to re-commence training through the annual RMO Campaign. A trainee returning from an interruption of training may be required to be interviewed by the network to recommence training if:

1. The trainee has been practicing outside of the network during the preceding 12-month period OR
2. The trainee was failing to perform at level prior to the interruption of training OR
3. The interruption of training was not registered with / supported by the DPE or NRC OR
4. The trainee is wanting to recommence training on a different rotation.

I am planning on resigning from my current position on the network, what do I need to be aware of?

In Queensland trainees must be part of the network to have any training endorsed by a DPE. If you exit the network, you can no longer have your training endorsed. Readmittance to training is not guaranteed after you exit the network. You will have been considered to have exited the network if you:

1. Commenced an interruption of training that was not registered with and supported by the NRC
2. Resigned from the network

Should you wish to recommence training, you must apply through the annual RMO Campaign and re-interview for a network training place.

Resignation from a Queensland Health position may also have implications with regards to access to leave and other entitlements in the future and we suggest you seek advice from your local HR team with regards to this.

Further information

Further information can be found at www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/work-for-us/clinical/medical/recruitment/training/physician or by email Physician_Training@health.qld.gov.au.

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