

# Queensland Basic Physician Training (Adult Medicine) Network

## FAQs - applying to the network to commence training

### Should I apply to the network?

If you are considering commencing basic physician training in Queensland, you must apply to join the network. However, first discuss your [plans for physician training](#) with a Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) Director of Physician Education (DPE) or Educational Supervisor (ES). This ensures that you are making an informed decision about pursuing a career as a physician. You can find a DPE or ES within the department of medicine at any RACP-accredited hospital listed on the [RACP webpage](#).

### Am I eligible?

You are eligible if prior to commencement of training you:

- hold general registration with the [Medical Board of Australia](#)
- are eligible for registration with the RACP as a basic trainee
- qualify as postgraduate year three (PGY3) or above

### How long will I be training on the network?

If successful, you will be offered a 3-year training position to enable you to meet RACP requirements. A further year will be available if:

- *in consultation with your DPE you elect to delay an examination attempt*
- *you fail an examination attempt*

Continuation on the network is subject to satisfactory performance, receipt of two satisfactory referee reports and DPE approval each year.

### When and how do I apply?

Submit your application through the [RMO Campaign](#). As part of this, you must select the following:

- **YES** to *Are you applying for a position on the Qld basic physician training (Adult Medicine)*

*network)?*

- **NO** to *Are you currently training on the Queensland Basic Physician Training Network?*
- Complete all subsequent questions and upload the following:
  1. An up-to-date copy of your curriculum vitae
  2. A completed [Planning for Physician Training form](#)
  3. A completed clinical experience template outlining your experience within the last three years. [Template](#) available on the network webpage.

Experience in **general medicine OR medical specialties** as outlined in the [Medical Experience document](#) will contribute towards merit ranking.

Your application and referee reports will be assessed by the network to determine eligibility and shortlisting for interview.

### What level position should I apply for (Registrar or SHO)?

Successful applicants will be employed as *either* a Senior House Officer (SHO) or registrar for their first year of training. All subsequent years will be completed in registrar level positions. You should nominate a position level that you would be comfortable working and commencing training in. Registrar applicants will be expected to achieve the registrar standard on interview and SHO applicants will be expected to achieve the SHO standard. Certain hospitals offer only SHO level positions to first year trainees. Depending on the position level that you preference, certain training allocations may not be possible. Sample 3-year training allocations, detailing position levels at specific hospitals are provided in the [how to apply guide](#).

### Do I need to apply for the training program separately from recruitment?

No. You will submit one application for both training and employment.

Simply nominate the network as your first preference (see [how to apply guide](#)). Use preferences 2–5 to select alternate non-training positions in case you are not selected into the network. Once selected, you will need to finalise your registration with the RACP to commence training. DPEs will only endorse registration for successful network trainees.

### Will I be required to participate in an interview?

If you are shortlisted – yes. In anticipation of this, you are advised to prepare to interview. You will be notified in July and, if shortlisted, invited to an interview session.

### When are the interviews?

Interviews will be held:

*Tuesday 2 & Wednesday 3 August – Northside*

*Thursday 4 August - North Qld (Townsville)*

*Friday 5 August - Far North (Cairns)*

*Friday 12 August - Coastal*

*Thursday 11 & Monday 15 August – Southside*

Note: In person or virtual attendance requirements will vary between rotations.

### What can I expect at the interview?

The interview will assess you against specific selection criteria (see [how to apply guide](#)). Interviews are a six station Multiple Mini Interview assessment with each station covering a specific domain e.g. Communication.

### Will I get my first preference?

After interview, you will be merit ranked and notified of your selection outcome by late August. Network trainees will complete training within one rotation across 2-3 hospitals. When nominating preferences, consider the unique merits offered by each rotation including proximity of hospitals and training opportunities available.

You will be allocated hospital placements based on your preferences, merit ranking, training requirements (including when you wish to sit the exam) and available positions. You will be asked to nominate hospital and term preferences only after you are offered a network training place (post interview).

### Do I have to rotate between hospitals?

Yes. Network training is intended to facilitate a breadth of experiences in different contexts. You will benefit from the unique and complementary opportunities offered by placements in hospitals throughout Queensland which will aid your preparation for RACP exams.

### Who will arrange my employment contract?

Hospitals arrange employment contracts annually as advised by the network. Appointments will consist of either 2 x 6 or 1 x 12-month contracts in line with allocations.

### How will hospital placements be set out?

A 3-year program will vary between different rotations. For example, Northside / Southside rotations will include:

- (a) One 12-month placement to cover the first year of training
- (b) At least one 6-month placement in a level 1 or 2 hospital outside of South East Queensland
- (c) At least 12 months in a level 3 (large tertiary) training hospital

North Queensland trainees will be based in Townsville with a placement at Mt Isa. Coastal trainees will complete placements across 3 local hospitals and Far North trainees will be based in Cairns with a placement at either Atherton, Innisfail or Mt Isa. Variations are possible, dependent upon training needs and preferences.

### When do I commence training?

You will commence in your network position in early 2023. The local DPE will endorse your RACP basic training application so that you can commence training next year and finalise registration with the RACP by end of February.

### Further information

Further information can be found on the [network webpage](#) or by contacting the Physician Training team via email

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