

Queensland Basic Physician Training (Adult Medicine) Network

FAQs for current network trainees

I am a current network trainee - do I need to apply via the RMO campaign?

Yes. It is a Queensland Government requirement that all medical officers apply **each year** via the Queensland Health RMO Campaign application.

When and how do I apply?

Applications must be submitted through the [Queensland Health RMO Campaign portal](#). Refer to the [network website](#) for application dates and how to apply information.

Do I need to re-enter my information each year?

A large proportion of your previous year's information will pre-populate to your new application. Certain fields e.g. current employment and referee details will need to be re-entered. For further information, refer to the [Queensland Health RMO applicant user guide](#).

What are Network specific questions?

Current trainees re-applying to the network need to complete several specific questions including:

- **YES to** "Are you applying for a Queensland Basic Physician Training (Adult Medicine) Network position?"
- Indicate if you have sat and/or passed the RACP examinations.
- **YES to** "Are you currently training on the Queensland Basic Physician Training Network?"
- Indicate which network rotation you are currently employed / training in *
 - Coastal
 - Far North (Cairns)
 - North Queensland (Townsville)
 - Northside
 - Southside

Answering these questions will ensure that you automatically skip many others that don't apply to you.

How should I preference?

If you are a current Queensland network trainee, AND have had no more than **one** previous attempt or deferral of the examination you must nominate the following as your first preference:

Facility: "College/Pathway/Network Determined"

Position: "Registrar"

Specialty: "Medicine"

Subspecialty: "Basic Physician Training"

I have already passed the written and am due to sit the clinical exam this year. Should I re-apply to the network and if so, how should I preference?

It is recommended that you apply for the position that is most relevant to your stage of training. For clinical exam sitters, this will mean applying for advanced training positions using your first, second, third and fourth preference options, anticipating that you will pass the examination. If you do not pass the exam, to be considered for a further year on the basic training network you must also:

1. **select YES** 'Are you applying for the Queensland Basic Physician Training (Adult Medicine) Network?' AND
2. complete all subsequent questions (indicating that you are a current network trainee) AND
3. nominate the following as your *fifth preference* (Section 10 of the RMO Campaign application):

Facility: "College/Pathway/Network Determined"

Position: "Registrar"

Specialty: "Medicine"

Subspecialty: "Basic Physician Training"

Do I need to re-apply to the network if I have failed or not undertaken the exams?

You are entitled to one additional year on the network if you fail or pre-arrange to defer an exam. Your hospital allocations during this additional year will depend on availability and may or may not include time in a level 3 training hospital. If you have not passed or undertaken the exam, we advise you to talk with your DPE to discuss your eligibility for this additional year.

What do I do if I fail the exam more than once?

If you fail an exam more than once (or fail and defer) then you are deemed to be a time-expired trainee. Time expired trainees have completed all basic training requirements other than passing the exam and further training placements are not required as part of a network. Time-expired trainees **should not re-apply to the network** but seek opportunities to continue post network training with RACP-accredited hospitals. Ultimately it is your responsibility to secure employment and negotiate directly with a DPE for any further training support

You can preference non-network positions [e.g., Registrar, General/Internal Medicine (not FRACP)] through the RMO Campaign.

Will I be required to attend an interview?

Most current trainees are not required to reinterview once selected onto the network. However, continuation on the network is subject to;

- ongoing satisfactory performance at the level of employment
- receipt of two satisfactory referee reports
- recommendation from your current DPE that you continue network training

Your Network Rotation Coordinator (NRC) and DPE are responsible for approving you to continue. Should performance issues be identified, you may be required to attend an interview with your DPE / NRC who will then determine if you can continue and any associated conditions.

When can I expect to be notified of the outcome of my application?

Refer to key dates on the [network webpage](#). You will be notified via email by late August. Trainees who are not approved will be notified as soon as possible to enable a change of preference and be considered for other non-network positions within the subsequent position rounds [e.g. Principal House Officer Medicine or Registrar General/Internal Medicine (not FRACP)]. For specific information relating to the position rounds and dates refer to the [RMO Campaign website](#)

Is there an appeals process?

Yes. Refer to the [network appeals document](#)

Can I request to change my allocations?

Network trainees must commit to prospectively allocated hospital placements for the duration of basic training (up to 3 years). If special circumstances affect your ability to comply with this, you can [apply for special consideration](#) for alternate allocation. You must contact your NRC in the first instance to make the request and discuss the process and possible options.

Can I change between rotations (i.e., from Northside to Southside)?

You can apply to change between rotations in the event of extenuating circumstances providing the current and new rotations both agree to the change. You must contact your NRC in the first instance to make the request and [apply for special consideration](#).

These arrangements will need to be negotiated and agreed between the respective NRCs, who will then notify you of the outcome.

If you are approved to change, you will be offered hospital placements based on availability. This may include being located at a non-tertiary hospital for the lead up to the clinical examination and/or additional non-metropolitan secondment terms.

COVID-19 specific FAQs

My allocations have changed due to COVID-19, will this still count as accredited training?

The RACP aims to ensure that trainees are not disadvantaged by current events relating to the COVID-19 pandemic. Visit the [COVID-19 \(racp.edu.au\) website](https://www.racp.edu.au) for all up to date information. If you are concerned, you should discuss any training queries directly with your DPE.

If your query cannot be resolved by your DPE then contact the network team via physician_training@health.qld.gov.au

I am due to sit the Divisional Clinical Examination (DCE) this year. What happens if the exam is delayed?

Currently there are no planned delays to the 2022 DCE. However, should a delay occur, the following will apply: Trainees who have successfully completed all the components of basic training except for the DCE can apply for advanced training positions which will be offered conditionally upon successful completion of the DCE in 2022.

This will pose challenges for both training hospitals and trainees. The network is collaborating with advanced training selection groups to ensure that trainees impacted by any delays are supported.

Trainees who pass the DCE will move off the basic training network and generally progress to advanced training without further interruption.

Trainees who fail the DCE can expect the following:

- If you are time-expired (completed 3 years on the network), you will need to secure non-network employment and negotiate directly with a DPE for further training support and exam attempts.
- If you are completing your second year on the network in 2022 and are offered a conditional advanced training (AT) position the following will apply:
 - You accept a subspecialty PHO position within your chosen AT field - *you will move off the network*
 - Your conditional offer is rescinded, *you will be offered one more year on the network*

- If you are completing your second year on the network in 2022, applied for an AT position but are not selected to a conditional AT position - *you will be offered one more year on the network*

If you accept a subspecialty PHO position within your chosen AT field, you should expect some service type term allocations. This would need to be confirmed directly with your employing hospital/Unit Director.

We suggest discussing your circumstances in detail with your DPE before deciding which approach is right for you.

Further information

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

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