

Queensland Basic Physician Training (Adult Medicine) Network

FAQs - applying to the network to continue training

Should I apply to the network?

If you have completed all RACP basic training requirements but are yet to pass the exam, then you should **not apply** to the network.

If you have completed some training but you still require placements to meet RACP requirements, you must apply to join the network to access training placements, exam preparation resources and Director of Physician Education (DPE) approval. First however, consider which network rotation may best suit your needs and examination plans, then discuss your [plans to continue physician training](#) with the relevant Network Rotation Coordinator (NRC). You can find NRC contact information [here](#).

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?

Network trainees will be allocated placements geared towards an exam sit in their third year on the network. A request to sit the exam earlier will be considered on a case by case basis in consideration of training capacity and available exam preparation resources. Should you elect to sit earlier, the network cannot guarantee an expedited attempt without prior agreement. You will be supported for a maximum of two examination attempts as a network trainee.

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

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.

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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). 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 continue training. DPEs will endorse registration for successful network trainees only.

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?

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](#)). 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 and which will aid your preparation for the RACP exams.

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.

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 Network Rotation Coordinator (NRC) in the first instance to make the request and discuss the process and possible options.

Who will arrange my employment contract?

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

When do I re-commence training?

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

Further information

Can be found on the [network webpage](#) or by contacting Physician_Training@health.qld.gov.au

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