## **National Consistent Payments (NCP)**

Guidelines for supervisors, practices, and registrars on the college-led Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) Program

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#### **OBJECTIVES**

The National Consistent Payments (NCP) guidelines (the guidelines) will assist all Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) participants, including supervisors, practices and registrars, to understand the eligibility criteria, the process of determining and delivering the basic support payments, and information on accessing the additional funding from the flexible payments pool.

#### **OVERVIEW**

The AGPT program provides three to four years of full-time training for registrars to obtain fellowship and gain specialist GP registration, through either the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) and/or Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) (the colleges).

In February 2023, the Commonwealth Department of Health and Aged Care (Health) introduced the NCP framework to provide support payments to AGPT program participants (supervisors, practices and registrars).

The NCP framework and guidelines provide information on how AGPT participants receive support payments. These support payments aim to:

- support and encourage GP supervisors, practices and registrars to participate in GP training and deliver GP services; and
- provide transparency and accountability of the support provided to training participants on the AGPT program, particularly in regions where there are difficulties in attracting and retaining GPs, especially in regional, rural and remote areas.

The guidelines may be amended at any time by Health, in consultation with the colleges.

The colleges determine the payment eligibility based on the NCP framework, guidelines and business rules. Services Australia administers the support payments to all eligible AGPT program participants on behalf of Health.

In addition to the payments made by Services Australia, the colleges administer additional support payments under the discretionary flexible payments pool funding on behalf of Health.

The guidelines provide additional information on how the NCP framework operates and how the support payments are currently calculated and made, including in complex payment circumstances.

#### PARTICIPANTS - COLLEGE-LED AGPT PROGRAM

The Guidelines support the NCP framework and provide guidance to:

- Supervisors support payments are made to the practice unless directed by the
  practice to make payment to the supervisor for teaching activities associated with
  supervising a registrar;
- **Registrars** support payments are made to eligible GP registrars to increase and improve access to training under the college-led AGPT program, and
- **Practices** support payments are made directly to eligible practices that have been accredited by the colleges to train a registrar and are hosting registrars.

For information on the AGPT **Salary Support** Program payments refer to <u>AGPT Program Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Salary Support Program Policy 2024 | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care</u>

#### HOW PAYMENTS ARE CALCULATED

The NCP framework provides support payments to all eligible AGPT program participants covering the period 1 February 2023 to 31 December 2025.

The colleges are responsible for calculating the maximum payment amounts which will be received by eligible AGPT program participants. Payment levels are determined and adjusted by the colleges consistent with the NCP framework.

#### **Eligibility Requirements**

To determine the maximum support payment amount for each of the eligible AGPT program participants the colleges will consider all of the following:

- a. the AGPT program core training terms of the participant,
- b. the FTE weeks undertaken by each participant,
- c. the Modified Monash (MM) model classification of the location in which the training will occur and/or has occurred, and
- d. the terms and conditions of payments within the scope of the NCP framework.

#### a. Core Training Terms

Training terms refers to the core vocational training terms for the colleges. The colleges are responsible for assessing the eligibility of GP training participants to access support payments during the AGPT core training terms.

The core training terms with ACRRM are: Core generalist term (CGT) 1, CGT2, CGT3, CGT4. Each term is 26 FTE weeks. An additional 52 FTE weeks core vocational training term is Advanced Skills Training (AST).

The core training terms with RACGP are: General practice training (GPT)1, GPT2, GPT3, GPT4/Extended Skills (ES). Each term is 26 FTE weeks. For Rural Generalist (RG) pathway registrars, the additional 52 FTE weeks core vocational training term is Additional Rural Skills Training (ARST).

Participants undertaking ACRRM's AST term and RACGP's ARST may be eligible for payments under the colleges flexible funds policy and salary support.

#### **Exclusions**

All AGPT program participants (supervisors, practices and registrars) who are involved in an extension assessment term or any other GP training term extensions would not be provided with support payments under the NCP framework.

For example, if a registrar in training is in an extension assessment term or awaiting fellowship or fellowship examinations, such a registrar should not receive support payments under the NCP framework, noting the eligibility requirements for support payments cover the core GP training terms only.

#### b. FTE weeks

The colleges are responsible for calculating and determining the appropriate FTE weeks and pro-rata payment requirements for all AGPT program participants (supervisors, practices and registrars) to support the training. This is consistent with the colleges' role in setting standards for training and determining FTE training time to obtain college fellowship.

The AGPT program provides for a participant to actively remain in training for a period of 52 FTE weeks per year. One (1) FTE week is equivalent to 38 hours of training. There are 26 FTE weeks per training term. If a registrar undertakes part-time training, relevant training payments will be calculated and paid on a pro-rata basis.

#### c. Geographical Locations

The AGPT program provides support payments tiered according to the MM geographical classification system of the location of training (i.e. MM1 - MM7) to target financial support more effectively and provide greater clarity for supervisors, practices and registrars in regional, rural and remote locations.

**Registrar** payments for participants undertaking training across multiple sites with different MM locations, will be calculated according to each site's MM, and the registrar's FTE weeks undertaken at each location.

**Registrars** who practise across multiple MM locations and/or training in both colleges (dual training situation), the colleges will determine which of the two colleges will make payments and pay eligible registrars at a level consistent with the NCP framework.

**Supervisor** payments for participants who provide supervision across multiple sites with different MM locations will be calculated according to each site's MM, and the FTE weeks of supervision provided at each location.

**Practice** payments will be made to all eligible participants based on the registrar's pro-rata FTE training hours in each training site.

The calculation and determination of FTE for each participant will be carried out by the colleges prior to providing the information to Services Australia for payments to be made.

For further clarification on how payments are calculated pro-rata based on the FTE training time of the registrars and the MM locations that training takes place, see the various case scenarios below.

#### CASE SCENARIOS

Full time equivalent (FTE) = 38 hours training per week.

The previous NCP framework was in effect from Semester 1, 2023 until end of Semester 1, 2025.

The revised NCP framework is in effect for all participants from the start of Semester 2, 2025.

Refer to the NCP framework for further information on scope, exclusions, and business rules.

#### Registrars

Registrar Payments as per the NCP framework:

MM level	Payment amount per core training terms (26 FTE weeks )	•	Registrars training in more than one MM location during a core training term within a semester will receive pro-rata payment for each location.
MM1	\$ 0	•	Payments will not be provided to registrars for hospital
MM2	\$1,800		training or for any type of extended training or assessment,
MM3-4	\$3,425		nor whilst waiting for fellowship examinations.
MM5	\$4,810		
MM6-7	\$9,250		

#### Case 1:

Full time in one location in a semester:

Dr Yazdan is undertaking 26 FTE weeks of GPT1/CGT1 in Semester 1 in MM4. He should receive \$3,425 at the beginning of Semester 1.

#### Case 2:

Part time in one location in a semester:

Dr Sarah is undertaking 13 FTE weeks of GPT1/CGT1 in Semester 1 in MM4. She should receive \$1,712.50 (\$3,425/26 \* 13) at the beginning of Semester 1.

#### Case 3:

Training term undertaken in the same MM location over two different semesters:

Dr Ibrahim is undertaking 14 FTE weeks of GPT1/CGT1 in Semester 1 in MM5 (and taking rest of the Semester 1 as leave from training). He resumes in Semester 2 and undertakes the rest of the 12 FTE weeks of GPT1/CGT1 in Semester 2 in MM5. Accordingly, he should receive \$2,590 (\$4,810/26 \* 14) in Semester 1 and \$2,220 (\$4,810/26 \* 12) in Semester 2.

#### Case 4a - Concurrent placements

Training in different MM locations in one semester:

Dr Clare is undertaking 13 FTE weeks of GPT1/CGT1 in Semester 1. Of the 13 weeks, 6 FTE weeks is in MM3 location, and 7 FTE weeks is in MM7 location.

Dr Clare will receive the following payments at the start of the semester or at the start of the placement:

- \$790.38 for 6 FTE weeks of training in MM3 location (\$3,425/26 \* 6), and
- \$2,490.38 for 7 FTE weeks of training in MM7 location (\$9,250/26 \* 7).

#### Case 4b – Consecutive placements

Training in different MM locations in one semester:

Dr Luke is undertaking 26 FTE weeks of GPT1/CGT1 in Semester 1. They undertake 10 FTE weeks at an MM4 location and then the next 16 FTE weeks at an MM6 location. Dr Luke will receive the following payments at the start of the semester or at the start of the placement:

- \$1,317.31 for 10 FTE weeks of training in MM4 location (\$3,425/26 \* 10), and
- \$5,692.31 for 16 FTE weeks of training in MM6 location (\$9,250/26 \* 16).

#### Case 5:

Training in different MM locations over two semesters (moving to a higher location): Dr Joseph is undertaking 14 FTE weeks of GPT1/CGT1 in Semester 1 in MM5 and 12 FTE weeks of GPT1/CGT1 in Semester 2 in MM7. He will receive \$2,590 (\$4,810/26 \* 14) in Semester 1 and \$4,269.23 (\$9,250/26 \* 12) in Semester 2.

#### Case 6:

Training in different MM locations over two semesters (moving to a lower location): Dr Mohammed is undertaking 14 FTE weeks of GPT1/CGT1 in Semester 1 in MM5 and 12 FTE weeks of GPT1/CGT1 in semester 2 in MM2. He will receive \$2,590 (\$4,810/26 \* 14) in Semester 1 and \$830.76 (\$1,800/26 \* 12) in Semester 2.

#### Case 7:

Registrar is on leave from training at the start of semester:

Dr Ansari begins Semester 1 with 12 weeks of leave. She returns to undertake 7 FTE weeks GPT3 in MM4 for the remainder of the semester. Dr Ansari will receive \$922.12 (\$3,425/26 \* 7) on commencement of her GPT3 training term.

#### Case 8:

Different training terms within a semester:

In Semester 1, Dr John is undertaking 12 FTE weeks in GPT1/CGT1 in MM5, and 14 FTE weeks in GPT2/CGT2 in MM5. He will receive a total of \$4,810 (\$2,220 (\$4,810/26 \* 12 for GPT1/CGT1 @MM5) + \$2,590 (\$4,810/26 \* 14 for GPT2/CGT2 @MM5) in Semester 1.

#### Case 9:

Additional Sites – where training is NOT counted towards the fellowship:

Dr Simon is undertaking 26 FTE weeks in GPT1/CGT1 in Semester 1, in MM5 and has a VMO duty (recorded as an additional site) for a period in MM7 during Semester 1 which does not count towards his Fellowship. Dr Simon will receive \$4,810 in Semester 1 based on his training location in MM5.

#### **Registrars in Transition**

Registrars undertaking only part of a training term in Semester 2, 2025 or later under the revised NCP rules, who have already received full payment for the training term in a previous semester (before Semester 2, 2025) under the old NCP rules, will receive payments for that training term as per the new rules.

#### Case 10:

Part time registrar in the same MM:

In Semester 1, 2025 Dr Smith did 8 FTE weeks of GPT2 in MM2 and received the full amount for the training term (\$1,800) under the old NCP rules.

In Semester 2, 2025 Dr Smith is doing 10 FTE weeks of GPT2 in MM2. Under the new NCP rules, they will receive \$692.31 (\$1,800/26 \* 10) in Semester 2, 2025.

#### **PAYMENT PROCESSING**

The parties involved in payment processing are Services Australia and the two colleges, ACRRM and RACGP.

#### a. Payment Assessment and Payment Data

Once the colleges have calculated the eligible support payments for all participants, they will provide the payment data requests to Services Australia for the payments to be processed and delivered to all eligible program participants.

The timely submission of an accurate payment data file to Services Australia for the purposes of payment is the responsibility of the colleges.

Any changes or amendments to the payments data will be communicated by the colleges to Services Australia. This will allow the colleges to reconcile payment data for checking, validation and quality assurance purposes.

The colleges will continue to report on payment data for each of the AGPT program participants to Health for the purpose of compliance checking.

## b. Communication between Colleges and Services Australia - Application Programming Interface

Services Australia developed an Application Programming Interface (API) that allows the college systems to communicate directly with Services Australia systems.

The two key operations of the API are:

- The colleges submitting payment requests; and
- The colleges enquiring on the status of submitted payment requests.

#### c. Making payments to participants

Payments are calculated and assessed by the colleges based on the requirements under the NCP framework and these guidelines. Services Australia will process and deliver the support payments to all eligible AGPT program participants on behalf of Health.

To process a participant's payment, Services Australia will need:

- Payment data from the colleges
- Correct bank details from participants

#### Bank Account Details

For payment processing, the bank account details are held within Services Australia systems as part of recipient registration. Payment requests may remain in a pending state if correct bank account details are not available in the Services Australia online payment system for the recipient at the time of a payment run.

#### PARTICIPANT BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

All eligible participants for AGPT program payments (supervisors, practices and registrars) must provide their bank account details and register for a Provider Digital Access (PRODA) account with Services Australia to receive their support payments.

Information on how to register for a PRODA account is available on the Services Australia website:

https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/proda-provider-digital-access

If you require assistance with PRODA, you can contact PRODA Support on 1800 700 199 (option 1) 8am to 5pm AEST or email: <a href="mailto:proda@servicesaustralia.gov.au">proda@servicesaustralia.gov.au</a>

If you require assistance with the Organisation Register, you can contact Organisation Register support on:**1800 222 032** or

email: ORGANISATION.REGISTER@servicesaustralia.gov.au

All enquiries regarding the online registration process to access the support payments should be directed to Services Australia using the above support contact information.

Any other enquires regarding the rates, eligibility requirements, scope and delivery of support payments to all eligible AGPT program participants (supervisors, practices and registrars) should be directed to the colleges at:

#### **ACRRM**

Email: training@acrrm.org.au

Tel: 1800 223 226

**RACGP** 

Email: agpt.support@racgp.org.au

Tel: 1800 472 247

#### FREQUENCY OF PAYMENTS AND PAYMENT RUNS

Consistent with the requirements under the NCP framework, the colleges will determine how the frequency of pay runs will integrate with the payment system, including payment data processing by Services Australia. In addition, the colleges, in agreement with Services Australia, will determine how exceptional and/or off cycle payments requests are managed.

For example, standard payment runs could be determined to occur on a monthly or quarterly basis for supervisor and practice payments, or once a semester for registrar payments.

#### PARTICIPANT SEEKING A REVIEW OF THEIR PAYMENTS

Participants can seek a review of their payment via the colleges. Examples of circumstances under which a review may be sought include:

- A registrar has received a lower payment due to inaccurate data captured in the system of records.
- A supervisor or practice is affected by inadequate documentation of active FTE training hours.

The information submitted by the participants will be assessed by the colleges. If the case is assessed as "eligible", a "top-up" payment will be requested by the college, which will allow Services Australia to make additional payments directly to the participant.

#### FLEXIBLE PAYMENTS POOL

Additional payments under the flexible payments pool are at the discretion of the colleges and are paid directly via both colleges to eligible participants in the AGPT program. The scope, terms and conditions and requirements for accessing and receiving the discretionary flexible payments are provided in the NCP framework.

These payments are not made by Services Australia.

Use of the discretionary flexible payments pool by the colleges will provide additional support, including in hard-to-fill locations or for complex training requirements. These special training circumstances will be considered by the colleges to ensure a nationally consistent payments approach is sustainable.

To maintain the principles of accountability and transparency around the use of public funds, the colleges will provide to Health an annual compliance report. Health, through the management of the colleges' college-led training grant agreements, will ensure that the use of the flexible payments are in accordance with the requirements set out under the NCP framework, and these guidelines.

Details of the support payments available from each college's flexible payments pool can be accessed at:

- ACRRM Flexible funds
- RACGP Flexible funds

#### PAYMENTS DURING LEAVE PERIODS

The NCP framework provides support payments for training placements.

Where support placements are paid directly to a supervisor who has long-term leave (greater than 4 weeks) during a training placement, the supervisor can direct the college to provide the payment to the relieving supervisor. Where supervisor payments are made to the practice, it will be at the discretion of the practice as to how payments will be distributed to supervisors.

Where registrars undertake leave from the AGPT program (for leave category, check the glossary), future supervisor and practice support payments will be adjusted by the colleges to take into account the new FTE level of payment required.

#### OPTING OUT OF THE AGPT PROGRAM

All AGPT program participants who are eligible for a support payment under the AGPT program must satisfy all eligibility requirements and any other GP training compliance requirements specified by the colleges.

If an eligible participant opts out of the AGPT program, such a participant will be required to notify the college(s).

The colleges must notify Services Australia of any participants who have opted out of the AGPT program, to ensure that the support payment requests which have been submitted by the college(s) on behalf of those participants are not processed.

#### WITHDRAWAL FROM THE AGPT PROGRAM

Eligible AGPT program participants should advise the relevant college that they are considering withdrawing from the AGPT program. In the case of circumstances that could lead to a participant being withdrawn from the AGPT program after the commencement of training, the relevant college should be advised by the participant ahead of withdrawal occurring.

Consistent with college eligibility requirements, registrars who plan to start the AGPT program but do not proceed with a placement will <u>not</u> be paid.

Registrars with a confirmed placement who fail to attend their placement without prior agreement from the colleges will <u>not</u> be paid.

Registrars who terminate their training on the AGPT program shortly after commencing a placement with a GP practice and have not been paid, will not be paid.

Registrars who terminate their training on the AGPT program during a placement with a GP practice may not be required to return the support payments received during the period of their training.

# NOTIFICATION FOR CHANGES TO PARTICIPANT'S TRAINING ARRANGEMENTS

To remain eligible for support payments under the AGPT program, all eligible participants must notify the colleges about any changes to the training arrangements to support continuous training and maintain appropriate payment arrangements.

Health requires the colleges to provide accurate data and relevant supporting information for the purpose of performance and compliance monitoring.

#### CHANGE OF PRACTICE OWNERSHIP PROCESS

Both the previous and new practice owner are responsible for following the step-by-step process of providing the documentation to effect the changes required via Services Australia payment system online.

Further information on the instructions and step-by-step process on change of practice ownership is available from Services Australia at:

Health professionals contact information - Health professionals - Services Australia

# OVERPAYMENTS, PAYMENT RECOVERY AND WITHHOLDING OF PAYMENTS

As part of the requirements under the college-led AGPT program, the colleges are required to correctly calculate all AGPT program participants NCP entitlement based on the NCP framework and these guidelines.

#### a. Overpayments

An overpayment would exist if:

- the payment is calculated incorrectly.
- a planned training placement has not occurred as expected and an NCP payment has been made.
- an eligible participant has been identified to have provided incorrect or false information.
- the participant has neglected to notify the colleges of any changes to their circumstances which might affect their eligibility to receive the support payments.
- a payment was made in error to the wrong participant or to a non-participant.

Once payments are made by Services Australia, both colleges can enquire on the status of submitted payment requests via the API.

Where an overpayment has been identified, and **the participant is continuing on the program**, the colleges will recover the overpaid amount from the AGPT program participant by withholding the overpaid amount from any future standard NCP payments to recover the excess funds paid. The colleges will be required to notify Health and Services Australia on these overpayment status and actions taken.

If a participant has been paid or overpaid and **ceased on the AGPT program shortly after starting a placement**, the colleges will need to notify Health who will make the decision whether to recoup the debt from the participant or waive it. The notification from the colleges must include the:

- participants details (name, Org ID etc)
- reason for the debt or overpayment
- amount of the overpayment and when it was paid
- participants start date and date of cessation on the program where relevant
- If the participant has ceased from the program, provide a reason where feasible e.g. situation outside their control.

If payments have been made in error to **non-AGPT participants**, the colleges and/or Services Australia will be required to notify Health who will make the decision on recouping the payment.

#### b. Payment Recovery

A decision to commence payment recovery will be conveyed to the affected participant in writing and may include details on how the excess funds paid are to be recovered.

#### c. Withholding of Payments

NCP payments may be withheld when:

- An overpayment has occurred, hence future payments will be withheld until the debt is fully recovered.
- Where practices and supervisors who are not actively involved in the GP training activities approved by the colleges will not be provided with support payments under the NCP framework.
- Where practices and supervisors do not maintain ongoing training requirements within the GP training period payments will be withheld for that period. Payment eligibility will be

reinstated once the participant has undertaken the requirements as outlined in the practice placements agreements as agreed to by the colleges.

#### **TAXATION**

Goods and Services Tax will not be provided on practice and supervisor payments consistent with advice received that the activity undertaken by practices and supervisors are not considered services under the goods and services tax legislation purposes.

Registrars eligible for payments would be required by their training colleges to seek independent taxation advice on the payment allowances received from Services Australia based on their individual income tax circumstances.

The payments received by registrars should be used as government incentives and/or allowances to support self-education and training expenses and these incentive payments or allowances could be classified as assessable income tax purposes under the *Income Tax Assessment Act 1997*.

Supervisors, practices and registrars are advised to seek tax advice from their financial adviser, accountant and/or the Australian Taxation Office regarding their individual tax circumstances, including the support payments received under the AGPT program.

#### **PRIVACY**

All personal information provided to Services Australia is protected by privacy law, including the *Privacy Act 1988*, and this information will be used to generate data which will be used by Services Australia, as a Commonwealth Australian Government entity, for the purposes of the AGPT program.

The personal information collected from the AGPT program participants by the colleges will be disclosed to Health and Services Australia for the purposes of:

- administering the AGPT program and payments system;
- program performance auditing, monitoring and evaluation, and data compliance reporting;
- statistical and research purposes where it is authorised by law;
- monitoring, assessment and evaluation of progress and achievements of the AGPT program; and
- further strategic policy reforms and review of operational principles around the AGPT program over the years (2023 to 2025).

Further information is available from the colleges about how the information collected from the participants on the AGPT program will be managed and used for training and payment purposes, as set out in their privacy policy documents on their websites at:

- https://www.acrrm.org.au/privacy
- https://www.racgp.org.au/privacy-policy

Further information is available from Services Australia website on the collection and use of information received from all eligible AGPT program participants (supervisors, practices and registrars) at: General Practice training payments consent and privacy notice - Services Australia

#### CONTACT INFORMATION

For any further queries and questions on the NCP guidelines and payments model, please contact:

ACRRM – Queries on eligibility, access and release of payments and other support payment operational and guidance matters.

Email: training@acrrm.org.au

Tel: 1800 223 226

RACGP – Queries on eligibility, access and release of payments and other support payment operational and guidance matters:

Email: agpt.support@racgp.org.au

Tel: 1800 472 247

Services Australia – Queries on instructions and guidance on support payment process - online registration systems (HPOS, PRODA and Organisation Register issues only).

If you require assistance with PRODA, you can contact PRODA Support on 1800 700 199 (option 1) 8am to 5pm AEST or email: proda@servicesaustralia.gov.au

If you require assistance with the Organisation Register, you can contact Organisation Register support on:1800 222 032 or email:

ORGANISATION.REGISTER@servicesaustralia.gov.au

Health – Policy and implementation of the NCP framework: **AGPTManagement@health.gov.au** 

### **GLOSSARY**

GLUSSAKI	
ACCHS	Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services
ACRRM	Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine
ACRRM Leave	Leave from Training Policy (acrrm.org.au)
AGPT	Australian General Practice Training program
AMS	Aboriginal Medical Services
ARST	Additional Rural Skills Training – final year in an approved training post
	comprising 52 weeks FTE on rural generalist pathway through RACGP.
AST	Advanced Skills Training – final year in an approved training post comprising
	52 weeks FTE on rural generalist pathway through ACRRM
CGT	Core Generalist Training
Core vocational	Training terms refers to the core vocational training terms for each college
training term	(ACRRM & RACGP). They are:
training torm	ACRRM: CGT1, CGT2, CGT3, CGT4 and
	RACGP: GPT1, GPT2, GPT3, ES/GPT4.
	The training terms (CGT1-CGT4, GPT1-GPT3, ES/GPT4) are 26 FTE weeks
	each.
ES	Extended Skills
FTE	Full Time Equivalent. 1 FTE week = 38 hours, and 26 weeks per term
Full time registrar	Undertaking 38 hours of training per week
GPT	General Practice Training
GPTP	General Practice Training  General Practice Training Payment – Services Australia to refers to NCP as
GFIF	GPTP
Health	
HPOS	Commonwealth Government Department of Health and Aged Care
проз	Health Professional Online Services - an online system where medical
	practitioners can do business online with Services Australia. Most changes
N 4 N 4	made through HPOS are effective immediately.
MM	Modified Monash (MM) model is a classification system that categorises
	metropolitan, regional, rural and remote areas according to both geographical
	remoteness and population size. The system was developed to recognise the
	challenges in attracting health workers to regional, rural and remote areas.
	Categories are: MM1 metropolitan areas; MM2 regional centres; MM3 large
	rural towns; MM4 medium rural towns; MM5 small rural towns; MM6 remote
	communities; MM7 very remote communities. For more see
MEN	https://www.health.gov.au/topics/rural-health-workforce/classifications/mmm
MPN	Medicare Provider Number - uniquely identifies a medical practitioner and the
	practice location from which they perform professional services. MPNs are
NOD	issued by Services Australia.
NCP	National Consistent Payments
Part-time registrar	Undertaking less than 38 hours of training per week and/or 26 full time weeks
	in a semester. Part-time registrars generally receive pro-rata entitlements,
2224	based on the number of hours worked.
PRODA	Provider Digital Access - an online identity verification and authentication
	system which enables secure access for providers to a range of government
	online services.
Pro-rata	Part-time payment based on the number of hours/weeks worked.
RACGP	Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
RACGP Leave	RACGP - Leave Policy
RG	Rural Generalist
SEM	Single Employer Model
Semester	There are two training semesters in a calendar year and semesters are usually
	26 weeks each.
Training Placement	Training placement refers to the training the registrar is undergoing.

Training Post	Training post is the practice where the registrar has been placed.		
VMO	Visiting Medical Officer		