

# FAQs - apply to join the network to continue training

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## Should I apply to the network?

If you've completed all RACP basic training requirements but are yet to pass the exam, then you are not eligible for the network.

If you've completed some training but you still require placements to meet RACP requirements, you must apply to join the network in order to access training placements, exam preparation resources and endorsement of training by a Director of Physician Education (DPE). First however, consider which Queensland 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're 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?

You'll be allocated placements geared towards an exam sit in your third year on the network. You may be able to sit the exam earlier if you are eligible and there is available training and exam preparation capacity. This will be considered on a case-by-case basis. If you choose to sit earlier without prior agreement, the network can't guarantee to provide access to training support, such as practice exams. You'll be supported for a maximum of two examination attempts.

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

## When and how do I apply?

Submit your application through the [Resident Medical Officer \(RMO\) and Registrar campaign](#) and answer the following:

- *Are you applying for a position on the Qld basic physician training (Adult Medicine) network? Select **YES***
- *Which year of your basic training (BPT) do you expect to commence next year? Selection **relevant option***
- *Are you currently training on the Queensland Basic Physician Training Network? Select **NO***

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 over the last three years.

Experience in **general medicine OR medical specialties** as outlined in the [Medical Experience document](#) will contribute towards your suitability ranking. Your application and referee reports will be assessed to determine eligibility and shortlisting for interview.

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

If successful, you'll be employed as either a Senior House Officer (SHO) or registrar if you are still completing your first year of training. All subsequent years will be completed in a registrar level position. You should nominate a position level that you would be comfortable working and commencing training in. Registrar applicants are expected to achieve the registrar standard on interview.

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, highlighting position levels available to first year trainees at specific hospitals, are provided in the [how to apply guide](#).

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

No. You'll submit one application for both. 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're not selected into the network. Once selected, you'll need to finalise your registration with the RACP to commence training. DPEs will only endorse RACP registration for successful network applicants.

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

If you're shortlisted – yes. In anticipation of this, you're advised to prepare to interview. You'll be notified in July and, if shortlisted, invited to interview.

## When are the interviews?

Interviews will be held in July/August as follows:

- **Northside rotation** - Tuesday 29 and Wednesday 30 July
- **Southside rotation** - Thursday 31 July
- **Far North rotation** - Friday 1 August
- **Coastal rotation** - Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 August
- **North Queensland rotation** - Thursday 7 August
- **Southside rotation** - Friday 8 August

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'll be ranked according to suitability and notified of the 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'll be allocated hospital placements based on your preferences, suitability ranking, training requirements

(including when you wish to sit the exam) and available positions. You'll be asked to nominate hospital and term preferences only after you're 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'll 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 on the advice of the network. Appointments will consist of either 2 x 6 or 1 x 12-month contracts in line with your allocations.

## How will hospital placements be set out?

A 3-year program will vary between different rotations. For example, Northside / Southside rotations will generally 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 Southeast 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 Gold Coast, Redlands, Robina, or Logan hospitals. 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 change my allocations?

Network trainees must commit to prospectively allocated 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](#) and request an alternate allocation. You must contact your NRC in the first instance to make the request and discuss the process and possible options.

## When do I re-commence training?

Trainees generally commence in January or February of each year. In some instances you may be able to commence training early (from August soon after network interviews), refer to [Mid-Year entry into training](#) for further information. The local DPE will endorse your RACP training application so you can renew your registration with the RACP before the deadline (August for mid-year entrants, or February).

## Further information

Further information can be found on the [network webpage](#) or by contacting the Physician Training team via email [Physician\\_Training@health.qld.gov.au](mailto:Physician_Training@health.qld.gov.au)

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