

FAQs - current network trainees considering interrupting training

What is an interruption of training?

Interrupted training is any temporary absence from an approved training position which exceeds the allowable period as set out in the [RACP Progression through training and Flexible Training Policies](#) (currently eight weeks / 40 working days).

I'm planning on interrupting my training what do I need to do?

- Email the network as soon as you are aware of the need for an interruption to training. Ideally at least 3 months prior to commencement of the interruption. You should outline your intentions, reasons and needs.
- The network Medical Director or your Director of Paediatric Education (DPE) will contact you to discuss your plans.

If your request is supported, you must then apply for an interruption of training with the Royal Australian College of Physicians (RACP). Refer to [Interrupting or withdrawing from training \(racp.edu.au\)](#) for further information.

I want to recommence training after an interruption, what do I need to do?

If you're returning from an interruption of training, you must contact the network to discuss your plans, and apply to re-commence training through the annual [Resident Medical Officer \(RMO\) and Registrar campaign](#).

Interruptions may result in a change to your pre-planned training allocations.

You may be required to be interviewed by the network to recommence training if:

1. You have been working outside of an accredited setting during the preceding 12-month period
2. You were failing to perform at an expected level prior to the interruption of training
3. You're away from network training for more than 12 months