

FAQs for current network trainees

I'm a current network trainee - do I need to apply?

Yes. It's a Queensland Government requirement that all medical officers apply **each year** via the RMO Campaign.

When and how do I apply?

Submit your application from 3 June to 1 July 2024, via the [Resident Medical Officer \(RMO\) and Registrar campaign](#). Current trainees re-applying to the network need to complete several specific questions as follows:

- Are you applying for a position on the Qld basic physician training network)? Select **YES**
- Indicate if you've sat and/or passed the RACP examinations or are awaiting results.
- Are you currently training on the Queensland Basic Physician Training Network? Select **YES**

Indicate which network rotation you're currently employed / training in:

- Coastal
- Far North (Cairns)
- North Queensland (Townsville)
- Northside
- Southside

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

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 updated. Read the [Queensland Health RMO applicant user guide](#) for further details.

How should I preference?

If you're a current 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 to remain on the network:

Facility: "College/Pathway/Network Determined"

Position: "Registrar"

Specialty: "Medicine"

Subspecialty: "Basic Physician Training"

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

It's recommended that you apply for the position that's 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'll pass the examination.

If you do not pass, and you're eligible for another year on the network (see what I do, if I fail the exam more than once) to be considered for this 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're a current network trainee) AND
3. preference the network as your *fifth preference* (Section 10 of the RMO Campaign application):

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Do I need to re-apply if I have failed or deferred the exam?

You're entitled to one additional year on the network if you fail or pre-arrange to defer an exam. If you've not passed or undertaken the exam, we advise you to talk with your NRC to discuss your eligibility for this additional year.

Network trainees (including exam re-sitters) will get priority access to exam preparation resources. Further details are provided in the [clinical exam preparation standards for network trainees](#).

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're 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 instead should seek employment with RACP-accredited hospitals to complete training. Ultimately, it's your responsibility to secure a job 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?

In most cases current network trainees do not require an interview. 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 NRC and DPE are responsible for approving you to continue. Should performance issues be identified, you may be required to attend an interview to determine if you can continue, as well as any associated conditions.

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

You'll be notified via email in 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 guide](#)

Can I request to change my allocations?

Network trainees must commit to prospectively allocated placements to cover the duration of basic training. 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're approved to change, you'll 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.

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

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