



Integrated Rural Training Pipeline – Guidelines for posts

The Specialist Training Program (STP) seeks to extend vocational training for specialist registrars into regional, rural, and remote and private facilities. The Integrated Rural Training Pipeline (IRTP) initiative is an extension of the existing STP, specifically for rural sites.

Aims & Objectives

The aims and objectives of the Specialist Training Program are:

- a) enhance the capacity of the health care sector to provide high quality, appropriate training opportunities to facilitate the required accredited educational experiences for specialists in training;
- b) support quality accredited training posts that build the overall training capability and capacity in the system, by extending specialist training into new “expanded” healthcare settings; and
- c) contribute to improving medical workforce distribution.

Additional IRTP Requirements

In addition to the STP aims and objectives, IRTP training also requires sites and registrars to meet the following criteria:

1. The registrar must spend 66 per cent of their total Fellowship training time in a rural setting (Modified Monash Model (MM) 2-7); and
2. The registrar must demonstrate a commitment to working in a rural area.

Funding

IRTP positions are eligible to receive the following (per annum/per 1.0FTE; GST excl.):

Funding Component	2022	2023	2024	2025
Registrar Salary Support	\$105,735	\$107,268.16	\$108,930.81	\$110,619.24
Private Infrastructure and Supervision (PICS) Allowance	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
Rural Loading Support*	\$15,000 - \$30,000	\$15,000 - \$30,000	\$15,000 - \$30,000	\$15,000 - \$30,000

*Please see the [Rural Support Loading Guidelines](#) for exact amount for your location.

Remuneration principles

The Registrar must receive:

- Payment of Registrar Salary Support (see above) per FTE paid in fortnightly/monthly instalments (for a 36-hour working week).
- 25% of billings made through the private practice on top of their annual salary support. This includes surgical assisting arranged by the clinic.
- Weekend Team coverage - Registrar to be paid up to 75% if arranged by the clinic.
- Registrar to keep 100% of independently arranged surgical assisting and team coverage income outside of 36-hour training week

The post will receive:

- \$15,000 (exclusive of GST per private FTE per annum) **Private Infrastructure and Supervision Allowance** for use on eligible activities/purchases, if eligible.
- 75% of Registrar billings, and surgical assisting fees if arranged through the clinic (minimum of 25% of weekend coverage contract if arranged through the clinic).

Note: Assisting lists and team coverage arranged independently of the training position are not required to be billed through the clinic and therefore are not subject to the payment rates above.

Responsibilities of the post

- To have the appropriate infrastructure to facilitate registrar training;
- To ensure that the training position has been accredited by the ACSEP;
- To ensure that interim reports and other documentation are provided in a timely fashion;
- To follow the remuneration principles mandated by the ACSEP Training Committee;
- To develop a business plan to ensure ongoing sustainability of the training position in the absence of funding;
- To participate in the annual review process; and
- To ensure that the registrar is supported and has access to quarantined teaching time with appropriate infrastructure in place for remote access to registrar tutorials (this is to be funded through the infrastructure allowance)

Key dates for 2023

Performance Reporting	
Period	Due Date
Report covering 1 January 2023 – 30 June 2023	20 August 2023
Report covering 1 July 2023– 31 December 2023	20 February 2024

Registrar Salary Support (1.0FTE; pro-rata for part-time)		
Period	Amount	Due Date*
Q1 - 1 February – 30 April 2023	\$26,817.04	7 February 2023
Q2 - 1 May – 31 July 2023	\$26,817.04	7 May 2023
Q3 – 1 August – 31 October 2023	\$26,817.04	7 August 2023
Q4 – 1 November 2023 – 31 January 2024	\$26,817.04	7 November 2023

**Payment of salary is dependent on the clinic submitting an invoice and all relevant documentation (i.e. performance reports)*

PICS Reports and Invoices	
Requirements	Due Date
PICS Proposed Expenditure Report	20 February 2023
Invoice for 50% of the eligible PICS allowance	20 February 2023
Invoice for 50% of the eligible PICS allowance	20 August 2023
PICS Final Expenditure Report	20 February 2024

Rural Loading Reimbursement		
Year	Requirement	Due date
2023	Rural Loading Claim form	7 February 2024