



## Integrated Rural Training Pipeline – Guidelines for clinics

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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 educational experiences for specialists in training;
- b) support quality training posts that build the overall training 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 (ASGS - RA 2-5); 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):

- \$105,000 (excl. GST) in registrar salary support
- Between \$15,000 - \$30,000 (excl. GST) of Rural Support Loading for registrars in rural clinics. For further information, please see the [Rural Support Loading Guidelines](#).
- \$10,000 (excl. GST) in Supervision support.
- \$5,000 (excl. GST) in Infrastructure support.

### Remuneration principles

The Registrar must receive:

- Payment of IRTP Salary Support \$105,000 (exclusive of GST) per FTE paid in fortnightly/monthly instalments (for a 36-hour working week).
- 25% of billings made through the clinic 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%.
- Registrar to keep 100% of independently arranged surgical assisting and team coverage income outside of 36-hour training week

The clinic/supervisor will receive:

- \$10,000 (excl. GST) in Supervision support;
- \$5,000 (excl. GST) in Infrastructure support; and

- 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 clinic

- 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

Performance Reports from Clinic to ACSEP		
Year	Period	Due Date
2021	Report covering 1 January 2021 – 30 June 2021	20 August 2021
	Report covering 1 July 2021 – 31 December 2021	20 February 2022
	Final Report	20 April 2022

Salary Payments from ACSEP to Clinic (1.0FTE registrar)- Excl. GST			
Year	Period	Amount	Due Date*
2021	Quarter 1 2021	\$26,250	7 January 2021
	Quarter 2 2021	\$26,250	7 April 2021
	Quarter 3 2021	\$26,250	7 July 2021
	Quarter 4 2021	\$26,250	7 October 2021

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

Rural Loading Reimbursement (ASGC-RA 2-5 clinics)		
Year	Requirement	Due date
2021	Rural Loading Claim form	10 December 2021

IRTP - Supervision and infrastructure allowances			
Year	Requirement	Amount	Due date
2021	Infrastructure invoice	\$5,000	N/A (Submit any time in 2021)
	Supervision invoice	\$10,000	N/A (Submit any time in 2021)