

## TRAINING LOCATION POLICY

### Introduction

The Remote Vocational Training Scheme (RVTS) provides vocational training for medical practitioners working in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services and in remote and isolated communities throughout rural and remote Australia. Under ordinary circumstances most of these practitioners could not complete vocational training except by leaving their communities. RVTS is therefore a workforce retention program with training and support as the *modus operandi*. The expectation is that a registrar will remain in their training location for the duration of training.

It is a mandatory requirement that all registrars complete three years of fulltime equivalent training in an approved location as outlined in the eligibility criteria. A further 12 months training is available to registrars in advanced skills curricula and may require the registrar to move to a larger rural centre. Such a move is subject to the approval of the RVTS Director of Training.

### Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to assist in determining the suitability of an additional location to which the Registrar was accepted into the RVTS program, or a change in training location for AST purposes.

### Policy

Being a workforce retention program and to provide continuity of care to the community, RVTS registrars must remain in the one location for the duration of their training, except to undertake advanced skills training (AST). Change of location is not permitted. All training other than AST must be in an approved location as outlined in the RVTS selection eligibility criteria.

A training location must provide predominantly primary continuing comprehensive whole-patient medical care to individuals, families, and their communities. Registrars are accepted in to the RVTS program based on a stated number of work hours in their location.

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Approval for an additional location, or a change in training location for AST purposes, must be sought in writing from the RVTS Director of Training. Approval will only be granted prospectively.

### Responsibilities

The CEO, Director of Training, Deputy Director of Training, Training Support Manager and Registrar Training Coordinators.

### Related documents

- Request for Additional Training Location form
- *Controlled Procedure*: Training Position Approval Procedure
- AST Proposal Form
- RVTS Placement Approval form
- RVTS Placement Approval & Provider Numbers Procedure
- RVTS Practice Training Location Agreement
- RVTS Program Handbook

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