

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, a majority 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 full time 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 a change in training location for AST purposes, or a branch clinic location, in addition to the location at which the Registrar was accepted into the RVTS program. This also outlines the procedure a registrar must undertake to apply for a move, or an additional location, to be considered for approval.

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 a change of training location for AST purposes, or an additional branch clinic location must be sought in writing from the RVTS Director of Training. Approval will only be granted prospectively. Upon recommendation, the Director of Training may consider a change of location based on educational need, i.e., where if in the current location the registrar is not able to fulfil training curriculum requirements such as adequate clinical exposure.

Pre-approval by the Director of Training must be received prior to commencement. It is noted that AMS registrars work across multiple sites and do not require separate applications for approval for each additional site within the organisation.

Responsibilities

The CEO/ Director of Training, Registrar Training Co-ordinator Team Leader and Registrar Training Co-ordinators.

Related documents

- Request for Change Training Location form (version April 2016)
- *Controlled Procedure*: Training Position Approval Procedure
- RVTS Post Accreditation Form
- RVTS Placement Approval form
- RVTS Placement Approval & Provider Numbers Procedure & Process
- RVTS Website
- RVTS and Practice Memorandum of Understanding
- RVTS Handbook

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