

NT Overseas Trained Doctor 5 Year Scheme (OTD Scheme)



Application Package

This application package is divided into two sections:

A Information

B Application Form

Comprising:

1. Personal Details
2. Professional Details
4. Certificate of Applicant.

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- *More detailed information about the scheme is available.*
- *Applications should be written clearly*
- *All personal information that you provide in this grant application is protected by the Privacy Act 1988 and in particular by the Information Privacy Principles ("the IPP's") contained in section 14 of that Act.*
- *Personal information contained in your application form is usually disclosed to members of the assessment panel consisting of representatives of the RACGP, ACRRM and THS. Information from this form may be recorded on a GPNNT database but will not be given to any third party in an identified form.*

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What is the OTD Scheme?

In 1999 the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing and Rural Workforce Agencies announced a scheme to help address, in the short term, problems of general practice workforce shortages in rural and remote Australia.

Overseas trained doctors accepted to the scheme will, at the end of five years work in a rural or remote GP position that has been difficult to fill, be entitled to a provider number to practice as a general practitioner anywhere in Australia, providing they meet all the requirements of the scheme. The requirements are that within two years they achieve either the Fellowship of the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (FRACGP) or Fellowship of the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (FACRRM), and that by the end of the five years they obtain Permanent Residency of Australia.

Overseas GP qualifications which are accepted as equivalent to the FRACGP are the

- Certificate in Family Practice from the College of Family Physicians of Canada (CFPC) who have passed both parts of the Medical Council of Canada Qualifying Exam.
- FRNZCGP by reciprocity
- Both the MRCGP (UK) Certificate from the Joint Committee of Post Graduate General Practice and Membership of Royal College of General Practitioners, UK

Qualifications which are recognised but not accepted as equivalent to the FRACGP and require the applicant to sit the RACGP exam are:

- Master of Family Medicine, South Africa.
- Master of Prax Medicine, South Africa.
- Certificate from American Board of Family Physicians
- Member of the College of Family Practitioners or Members of the Faculty of General Practitioners by examination (MFGP/MCFP), South Africa
- Registration as a Family Physician with the South African Medical and Dental Council
- Diploma from Irish College of General Practitioners
- Master of Medicine (Family Medicine) with the National University of Singapore.

OTDs with significant general practice experience may be eligible for the scheme but will require supervision and will be required to sit the RACGP exam within two years.

The joint assessment panel of RACGP and ACCRM will determine suitability for the scheme.

Who is eligible for the scheme?

Overseas trained GPs who have general practice qualifications or significant experience (greater than five years full time) and training and who are assessed by a panel as being able to achieve the relevant Fellowship within two years.

The scheme requires that the GP has been offered a position in the NT that has proved difficult to fill (area of need position).

How will applications be assessed?

The Medical Adviser will receive the application. Primary degree and competence in English (if required) will be confirmed through the Australian Medical Council. The recognition of general practice qualifications will be confirmed with RACGP in South Australia.

Applicants will be assessed by a panel of NT general practice representatives from the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners, the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine, Territory Health Services and GPPHCNT.

Assessment will be made of qualifications, experience and training of the GP. Notice will be taken of progress toward the AMC exams and of Australian experience relevant to general practice. If the GP has been offered a position or is being considered for a position in the NT this will be confirmed with the employer or sponsor.

What follow-up will there be?

If the applicant is unsuccessful he or she will be notified of the panel decision.

If the unsuccessful applicant is registered with the NT Medical Board he or she will still be able to take up an area of need position. However the OTD scheme pathway to registration and provider number will not be available. The applicant is able to appeal to the National Standards panel and joint body of the RACGP and ACRRM.

If the applicant is successful he or she will be notified in writing. If the applicant is not yet registered with the NT Medical Board a letter of support from the panel, indicating the support provided by the scheme, will go to the Board.

Decisions to register a medical practitioner are at the discretion of the NT Medical Board. When registration and the position are confirmed application for a provider number will be made by the GP to the HIC under area of need 3GA and 3J legislation.

GPNNT will notify the Health Workforce Section of the Commonwealth Department of Health and Ageing, who will issue a "contract" to ensure that after five years, and on gaining Fellowship of the RACGP or of ACRRM, and becoming a Permanent Resident, the applicant will be granted a geographically unrestricted provider number.

Support provided by the scheme

In 2005, GPNNT (formerly GPPHCNT) successfully secured funding from the Commonwealth to assist doctors on the 5 year scheme across the NT to achieve the FRACGP. GPNNT is contracted to provide case management support and to engage appropriately skilled Medical Educators to develop individual learning plans for each OTD in order to prepare for the RACGP exam. From 1 July 2007, this funding was extended to include support to obtain Fellowship of ACRRM.

The OTD will have the opportunity to work with specialist GP training providers to provide individually tailored training and revision courses to meet each doctor's needs. Some financial assistance is available to meet the doctor's out of pocket costs to access training.

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Section 1 – Personal Details

1. Surname

Given name(s)

2. Date of Birth

3. Sex

Male

Female

4. Contact Details
Home Address

Telephone No.

Fax No.

Email address

Work Address

Telephone No.

Fax No.

Email address

5. What is your resident status in Australia?

Permanent resident

Temporary resident

Nil

6. Have you passed the Australian Occupational English Test?

Yes

No

N/A

7. Have you been assessed for OTD schemes in other States?

Yes

No

If Yes give details

8 Do you have or are you being considered for a GP position in the NT?

Yes

No

If yes, what is the position and name of employer/sponsor?

Section 2 – Professional Details

1. Have you current registration with an Australian Medical Board?

Yes

No

What are the conditions of your registration?

2. Primary Medical Degree
University and Year

3. General Practice
Qualifications and Year

4. Detail any additional qualifications or postgraduate training which is relevant to rural general practice (institution and year).

Diploma in Obstetrics

Certificate in Emergency Management of
Severe Trauma

Diploma in Anaesthetics

Certificate in Women's Health

Diploma in Child Health

Public Health or Family Medicine

Other

5. Training relevant to rural and remote general practice

Years	Institution or practice	Details of training

6. Hospital Experience relevant to General Practice

From	To	Institution or Practice	Details of Experience

7. General Practice Experience, Australian and overseas, full time or part time.
 (Part time is more than 3 sessions a week for more than a month. Work in after hours deputising services is not regarded as experience in general practice. Locum experience in general practice must be longer than one week).

From	To	Institution or Practice and address	Type of Practice Solo, Group	Full or Part Time	Details of experience

8. How do you believe general practice differs from hospital practice?

Section 5 – Certificate of Applicant

I certify that the information included in this application is true and accurate.
I authorise the Medical Board of the relevant state/NT to supply you with all details regarding my registration.

Name

Signature

Date

Note: Please attach your Curriculum Vitae and any other information which may support your application.

**This may include: Evidence of post graduate training
Copy of post grad certificates, diplomas and qualifications
Letter of good standing from previous general practice**