

NTGPE is aware of the challenges faced by GP registrars who are training whilst also working as a member of the Australian Defence Force.

The staff at NTGPE and Northern Health Command work together to ensure that ADF GP registrars working and training in the Northern Territory are given the best GP training experiences, taking into account the unpredictability and constraints of their ADF role.

NTGPE's education leadership team will work collaboratively with each GP registrar to ensure that appropriate activities are counted towards training, whilst also ensuring that education, training and supervision requirements are met and the overall training experience is of high quality.

The table below outlines the NTGPE guidelines for management of ADF GP registrars who are unable to be released for full time GP registrar training.

| Training requirements | Specific   | Standard training time/dates   | Flexibility/allowances/recommendations for ADF GP registrars   |
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| Training terms        | Hospital/CCT (52 weeks post internship) includes min mandatory terms (four x 10 week terms of medicine, surgery, emergency and paed + O&G and Anesthetics if ACRRM). | Must be done prior to GP training terms. Can be done prospectively or by recognition of prior learning (RPL)   | It is strongly recommended that emphasis should be placed on paediatric and geriatric disciplines in these hospital training posts, as these clinical experiences are often limited for ADF registrars during training due to ADF commitments.                             |
|                       | GPT/PRRT1  | 1 <sup>st</sup> 6 months of GP terms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>onsite supervision 100% for the 1<sup>st</sup> month and then 80% thereafter</li> <li>3 hours teaching per week FTE, one hr F2F with supervisor</li> <li>weekly release for small group learning</li> <li>completion of myGPcommunity term requirements</li> <li>civilian GP training placement</li> </ul> | May be done as composite post (ADF & civilian)– min 2 days per week in civilian practice<br>(2018 cohort & prior 6 months civilian in total across all GP training time (RACGP))<br>(2019 cohort onwards 12 months civilian in total across all GP training time (RACGP))  |
|                       | GPT/PRRT2  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> 6 months of GP terms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>onsite supervision 50% of time</li> <li>2 hours teaching per week FTE, one hr F2F with supervisor</li> <li>fortnightly release for small group learning</li> <li>completion of myGPcommunity term requirements</li> <li>civilian GP training placement</li> </ul>  | May be done as composite post (ADF & civilian)– min 2 days per week in civilian practice<br>(2018 cohort & prior 6 months civilian in total across all GP training time (RACGP))<br>(2019 cohort onwards 12 months civilian in total across all GP training time (RACGP))  |
|                       | GPT/PRRT3-4  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> 6 months of GP terms <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>onsite supervision 25% of time.</li> <li>1 hour teaching per week</li> <li>civilian GP training placement</li> </ul>   | May be done as composite post (ADF & civilian)– min 2 days per week in civilian practice.<br>(2018 cohort & prior 6 months civilian in total across all GP training time (RACGP))<br>(2019 cohort onwards 12 months civilian in total across all GP training time (RACGP)) |



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|               | Extended Skills post                       | <p>ESPs for ADF GP registrars can occur:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In a variety of civilian-based practices or posts which have skills training accreditation; or</li> <li>• In an RACGP approved military medicine program or post.</li> </ul>                                 | <p>Options for this:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) NTGPE has a military medicine ESP accredited. This includes time spent at NTGPE accredited barracks health centres and particular medical courses. Requires GP registrar to keep a log of time spent at courses and barracks health centres and submit a learning plan. Only blocks of activity that 4 weeks or more in duration can be considered and the activity must have 50% patient contact.</li> <li>2) Overseas deployment – must submit accreditation application to NTGPE then to the College <b>before</b> going overseas can only be counted towards training after 12 months of GP training terms.</li> </ol> |
| RTO education | Three day orientation                      | Prior to commencing GPT/PRRT1. Held in Feb and Aug in Darwin. If not completed cannot start training term with NTGPE   | No change   |
|               | Two x three day workshops                  | April and October  | Can be done throughout training as available but must be 1 x April and 1 x October as these workshops build on the knowledge of the previous.   |
|               | Small group learning                       | <p>Weekly in 1<sup>st</sup> six months of GP training<br/>Fortnightly in 2<sup>nd</sup> six months of GP training<br/>Attendance can be either F2F or via webex.<br/>This is a mandatory component of training and GP registrars should be released from clinic a ½ day per week/ftn to attend</p> | <p>If a GP registrar is experiencing difficulty attending due to ADF commitments, they should continue to attend (e.g. into GPT/PRRT3-4 and ESP) until they have met the requirement as per other GP registrars i.e. 80% of SGL education hours that has been offered throughout GPT/PRRT1-2</p> <p><u>ADF attendance</u> is at least 30 SGL sessions during training (preferably during first year of GP training terms)</p>   |
|               | Three x Aboriginal health training modules | Covered in orientation and two workshops   | Can be done throughout training as available.   |
|               | myGPcommunity                              | As per term requirements   | As per other GP registrars when doing clinical work.  |
|               | Teaching by GP registrar                   | Must teach four sessions in GPT/PRRT1 -2   | Can broaden this to being required before completion of training.   |
|               | Meeting with training team                 | Every six months face to face or via phone   | No change.  |
|               | Recorded total of 125 hours education      | Usually SGL, orientation, workshops and myGPcommunity term tasks   | No change.  |
| Assessments   | Formative ECTV /MiniCEX                    | Five in total, with one a video  | No change.  |
|               | Exams / Assessments                        | RACGP 3 x exams (AKT, KFP and OSCE)<br>ACRRM – CBD, MSF, PC STAMPS   | No change.  |
| Payment       |  |  | GP Registrar receives normal pay from ADF. The training post keeps any Medicare revenue. If ADF GP registrar wishes to work at the civilian clinic outside normal base hours then this will be outside the GP registrar training program and the registrar should arrange an employment contract etc. as an independent worker.   |

**ADF GP Registrars should refer to the following relevant AGPT and Colleges' policies:**

[AGPT Australian Defence Force Registrars Policy 2019](#)

[RACGP Guidelines for implementing the RACGP standards for GP Registrars in the Australian Defence Forces \(ADF\)](#)

[ACRRM Fellowship Training Handbook](#)