

Dear CCCT Supervisors and Registrars

This letter is written to accompany an important policy document approved by the CCCT Board at its 26 March 2008 Meeting, namely "Coast City Country Training Practice Placement Policy". The key way to describe this policy is that it limits routine placement of Registrars to one full time equivalent Registrar per practice – with placement of additional Registrars being subject to Medical Educator approval, based on particular parameters.

The policy and its context are self explanatory (in the document) but the key principle to note is that changes in national policy settings and other questions about the fairness of current placement mechanisms have required CCCT to be more explicit about practice placement of Registrars.

The timing of this letter is important because the designated period for finalisation of Registrar placements for 2008.2 is 30 April to 31 May 2008.

Practically, for both Registrars and Supervisors what this means is where proposed Registrar placement arrangements do not fit with the policy, practices need to contact Directors of Medical Education as soon as possible to work out a way forward.

Practices are invited to direct any questions with respect to the policy document to myself.

Registrars are encouraged to contact their medical educators with any questions they have about placement options for 2008.2 as soon as practicable. Registrars are also reminded that these timeframes are designed to ensure that provider numbers can be processed sufficiently in advance of the beginning of term 2008.2

Kind Regards



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**COASTCITYCOUNTRY TRAINING**

**PRACTICE PLACEMENT POLICY**

**BOARD POLICY NO 004**



## **1. Policy Context**

1.1 This CCCT Practice Placement Policy recognises policy changes made in late 2007 and early 2008 namely: changes to RRIPs (Registrar Rural Incentives Payments) and the approval and implementation of the 2005 RACGP Training Standards

CCCT notes that the policy changes referred to above (among other things) specify the following;

1. RRIPS incentives now also apply to Wagga Wagga, Queanbeyan and Berkley by virtue of either their RRMA 3 status or special consideration granted by DOHA.
2. Up to 12 months rural training can now be done in a RRMA 3 centre and up to six months training can be undertaken by a Registrar subject to the 10 year moratorium in Queanbeyan of Berkley under the provisions of the Registrar rural transition program.
3. RACGP – up to 2 fulltime Registrars per accredited Supervisor are acceptable under the revised standards.

## **2. Policy Principles**

It is necessary to carefully apply these principles in CCCT's region, across all LTGs in order to ensure that rural and remote centres are not disadvantaged given the change in status of Wagga Wagga, Queanbeyan and Berkley. Therefore cognisant of the policy parameters set out above CCCT have analysed their impact and set its own policy parameters as follows

1. All CCCT region Training Practices can negotiate to place one fulltime equivalent Registrar per training term with each placement subject to Director of Medical Education approval

2. Practices wishing to place more than one Registrar must apply to CCCT for agreement before negotiating with another Registrar/s
3. The allocation of a second Registrar will be considered when all CCCT training practices for the particular pathway (rural or general) in the particular LTG to which the Registrar belongs have been filled.
4. Preference for allocation of additional Registrars will be given to:
  - Practices where Supervisors also act in other governance or educational roles for CCCT or local medical schools such as Medical Educators or Supervisor Liaison Officers, in recognition of the increased pressures placed on those practices through regular absence of principals.
  - Practices that have more than 3 years participation in the CCCT program with a demonstrated track record of commitment to education across the spectrum (medical student, Registrar etc).
5. CCCT rural pathway Registrars in the Murrumbidgee/Riverina may spend 6 months in Wagga Wagga (RRMA three practices) during their GP terms.
6. CCCT Rural Pathway Registrars in the SENSW/ACT, including those subject to the ten year moratorium, may spend six months in Queanbeyan in accordance with GPET's Rural Transition Program policy but this placement is restricted to basic and advanced terms.

### **3. Review of this policy**

This policy will be reviewed annually.

### **4. Related Policies**

CCCT Vertical Integration Policy

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