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Multiyear Contract (MYC) Recruitment Rural Generalist Trainees Applicant Information Pack 2027 Intake

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The NT Rural Generalist Program

The Northern Territory offers one of Australia's most distinctive and rewarding environments for Rural Generalist training. Across the Northern Territory's Regions – Barkly, Big Rivers, Central Australia, East Arnhem, and the Top End – you will gain an extraordinary breadth of clinical experience, deep community connection, and the kind of procedural confidence that can only come from working where it matters most.

This information pack is for medical practitioners currently enrolled in or eligible to commence a vocational training pathway toward FACRRM or FRACGP-RG. Our multi-year contracts are designed to map precisely to your remaining training requirements – giving you the security to plan ahead, the flexibility to move across sites, and the support to do more than just get through training.

The NT Rural Generalist Program is supported by the Rural Generalist Coordination Unit (RGCU). If you have questions not answered here, please contact the RGCU at any time.

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About the Multi-year Contract recruitment

What is the Multi-year Contract?

NT Health offers multi-year employment contracts to Rural Generalist trainees that are individually mapped to cover all outstanding vocational training requirements for award of FACRRM or FRACGP-RG. This means:

- One application covers all of your remaining training – no re-applying each year
- Your contract is structured around your specific training needs and preferences
- You are employed at the higher Rural Generalist Trainee (RGT) or Senior Rural Generalist Trainee (SRGT) pay scale throughout
- Contracts can be as short as a single outstanding term or as long as a full training pathway
- Leave Without Pay (LWOP) provisions to support flexibility

What makes the NT different?

On a single NT Health multi-year contract, you can:

- Work across multiple NT regions under one contract

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- Access free or heavily subsidised, furnished accommodation at any location other than Alice Springs or Darwin
- Receive salary/financial incentives for relocation, and other existing incentives variable based on home region.
- Complete periods outside NT Health – including in Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations (ACCHOs), private general practice, or in academia and research
- Complete your primary health care terms with RGCU support, either within your NT Health contract, as a composite employment arrangement, or via LWOP depending on site.

Eligibility

Requirement	Detail
Registration	General registration with AHPRA.
Postgraduate year	PGY3 or above at time of contract commencement.
College enrolment	Accepted onto ACRRM or RACGP vocational training pathway by commencement date.
Working rights	Must have full Australian working rights.
Existing fellows	RACGP fellows wanting to complete FRACGP-RG, or FACRRM fellows seeking an additional AST, are eligible to apply.
Eligible training pathways	By contract commencement, trainees must be accepted onto any vocational training pathway, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Australian General Practice Training (AGPT) • Remote Vocational Training Scheme (RVTS) • Independent Pathway • General Practice Experience Pathway • Fellowship Support Program

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Where you will work - Home Regions

All positions have a designated Home Region that will be the primary training site and support for you during your contract period. You will likely have periods away from your home region in other NT Health sites as part of your existing contract or will have the flexibility to have periods attached to non-NT Health sites not covered by your existing contract but supported with LWOP and other flexible working arrangements.

Home regions include

1. Barkly Region
2. Big Rivers Region
3. East Arnhem Region
4. Top End Population and Primary Health Care - remote
5. Central Australia Population and Primary Health Care - remote

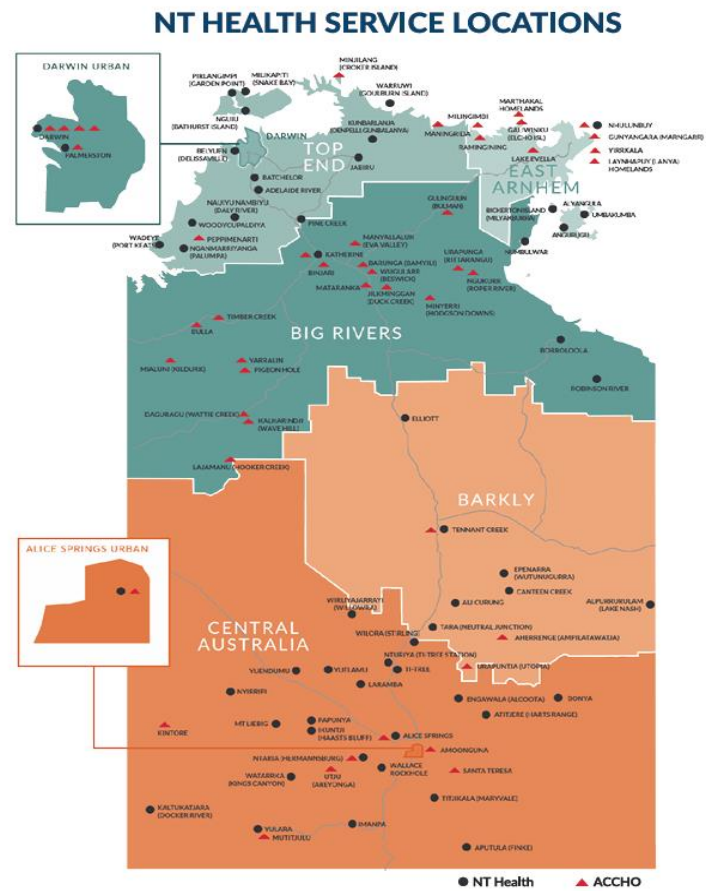


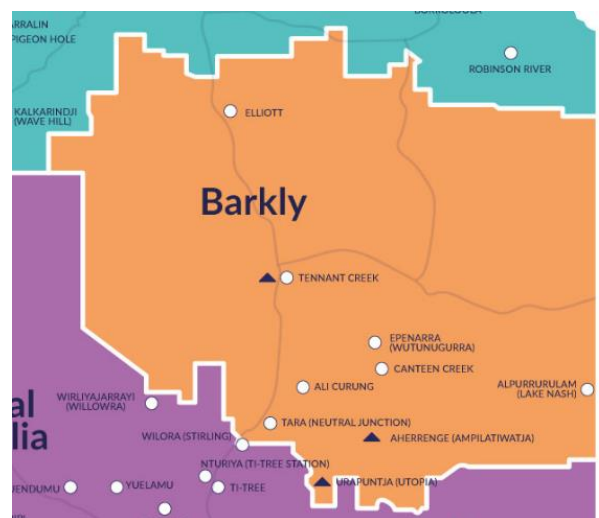
Figure 1. NT Health Region map

Barkly Region (BR)

About

Covering more than 320,000 square kilometres and home to only 8,000 people, the Barkly region is one of the most remote and sparsely populated areas of the Northern Territory. Tennant Creek is the region's main township, with a population of roughly 3,000, and serves as a vital service and cultural hub for surrounding remote Aboriginal communities including Ali Curung, Elliott, Epenarra, Canteen Creek and Alpurrurulam.

The Barkly is famed for its sweeping red plains, golden grasslands, and endless skies. It sits between the Top End and the Red Centre, straddling both desert and savannah ecosystems. The region is steeped in Aboriginal culture and history, including Warumungu Country around



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Tennant Creek, and is home to important Dreaming sites and language groups.

[Keep exploring Tennant Creek and the Barkly Region here](#)

Primary Health Care Sites

As a trainee in the Barkly, you'll be at the forefront of rural and remote health care—working across hospital, emergency, primary care, and outreach settings, often within the same week. You'll manage diverse presentations, including trauma, chronic disease, maternal and child health, and mental health, while learning to navigate the complexities of cross-cultural care with Aboriginal patients and communities. All rural generalist AST/ ARSTs are able to be completed with Barkly as the home region.

Supported by committed supervisors and a strong team ethos, you'll gain hands-on procedural skills and develop confidence in independent decision-making. Off the clock, you'll experience the spirit of the Outback: red dirt landscapes, bush tracks, strong community connections, and the reward of making a real difference where it's most needed.

If you're looking for meaningful work, clinical challenge, and a memorable adventure—Barkly might be exactly where you belong.

Lifestyle

The Barkly offers a lifestyle defined by space, simplicity, and strong community spirit. Whether you're a local or a visitor, life here moves at a different pace—one where conversations matter, the landscape shapes your day, and the connection to Country is felt deeply. For those working and living in the region, there's a strong sense of purpose and belonging, underpinned by close-knit professional and social networks.

Nature lovers and adventurers will find plenty to explore. Iconic landmarks like Karlu Karlu / Devils Marbles Conservation Reserve are just a short drive from Tennant Creek and offer breathtaking sunsets and a spiritual glimpse into Aboriginal Dreaming. Waterholes like Lake Mary Ann offer a cool reprieve, while vast cattle stations and the Barkly Tablelands showcase the region's pastoral heritage.

Camping and 4WD adventures are a way of life here. With minimal light pollution, the night skies are perfect for stargazing. Locals often head out bush on weekends to camp and there are also frequent community events, festivals, and sports gatherings (including rodeos) that bring people together from across the region.

Living in the Barkly means embracing the extremes—hot summers, long distances, and rugged terrain—but it's balanced by incredible sunsets, meaningful cross-cultural experiences, and a deeply rewarding lifestyle that city living just can't offer.

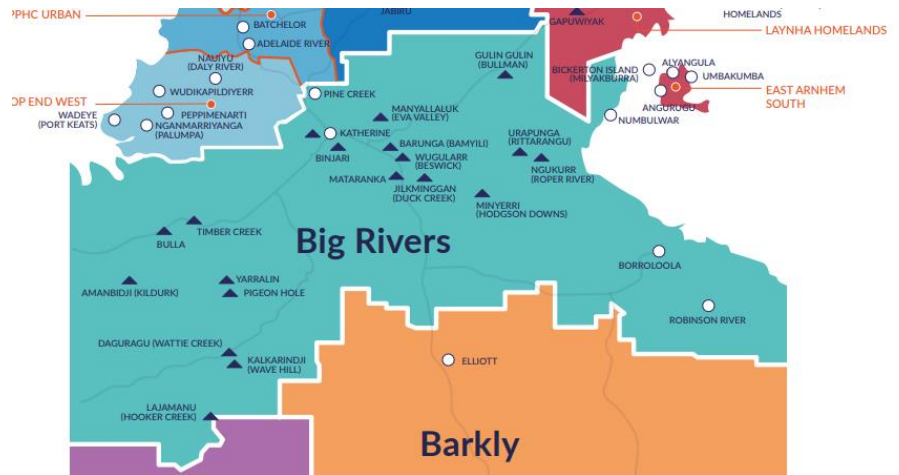
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Big Rivers Region (BRR)

About

The Big Rivers region is a captivating area of awe-inspiring landscapes and ancient Aboriginal culture, which offers aspiring rural generalists a unique and enriching experience. Nestled between the Western Australia border and the Gulf of Carpentaria, this region, with a population of over 20,000, is home to the town of Katherine and is steeped in the traditions of the Dagoman, Jawoyn, and Wardaman people.



The town of Katherine, with approximately 11,000 residents, serves as the gateway to tourist attractions and regional centres like Pine Creek, Mataranka, Borroloola, Daly River, and Timber Creek. With abundant wildlife and attractions such as Nitmiluk National Park, Edith Falls and Mataranka Hot Springs, Katherine and the Big Rivers region offer a unique and breathtaking environment.

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Primary Health Care Sites

Katherine Hospital is a 60-bed non-specialist public hospital which provides emergency, medical, surgical, paediatric, and maternity services. The hospital plays a crucial role in offering specialist outreach, tele-health, and integrated community and hospital services. Private practices like Bauhinia Health, along with ACCHOs contribute to comprehensive healthcare in the region. Rural Generalists support both the acute and primary health care provided to the Big Rivers population.

Lifestyle

The Big Rivers region is a haven for outdoor enthusiasts. Residents engage in nature-based activities like camping, fishing, canoeing, bushwalking, and swimming, taking full advantage of the stunning natural landscapes that define one of the largest regions in the Territory. The area also celebrates culture through events and festivals throughout the year including the annual Barunga Festival and the Gurindji Freedom Day Festival.

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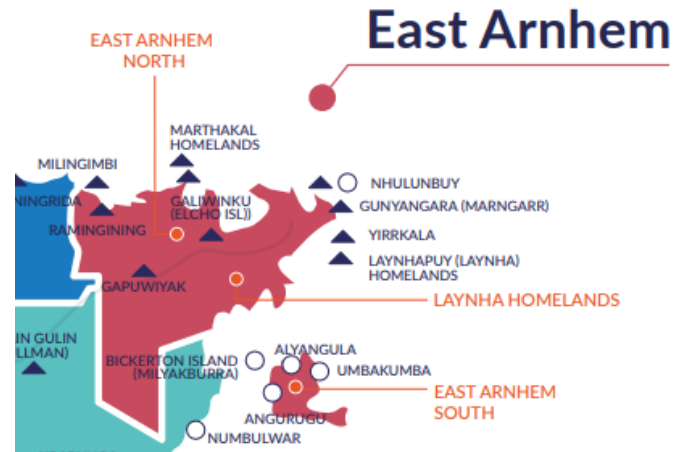
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East Arnhem Region (EAR)

About

Home to the Yolngu people, one of the largest Aboriginal groups in Australia, East Arnhem is a cultural haven. The region boasts rich Aboriginal culture dating back more than 40,000 years. The East Arnhem region is known for its beautiful beaches, rich cultural history and relaxed lifestyle. The town of Nhulunbuy on the Gove Peninsula is the largest centre in the region, the main service and business hub for the area, and has a population of around 3,600 people.

Spanning an expansive area of about 41,000 square kilometres, East Arnhem is home to approximately 16,000 residents and comprises diverse communities, including Nhulunbuy, Yirrkala, Laynhapuy Homelands, Groote Eylandt (Alyangula, Angurugu, and Umbakumba) Elcho Island, Lake Evella, Milingimbi, and Galiwinku to name a few.



Gove District Hospital has 30 beds, a 24-hour emergency service, and provides a broad range of medical, surgical, emergency, paediatric, respite and maternity services to the East Arnhem Region population. It is the referral centre for 15 remote community clinics that refer patients to hospital for inpatient, outpatient and specialist care.

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Primary Health Care Sites

The 3 NT Health operated primary health centres on Groote Eylandt work in partnership with 8 primary health care centres operated by non-governmental organisations across the region. The size and mix of services provided by the East Arnhem Region primary health care centres vary according to the size and health need of the population and the level of access to alternative primary health care services. Visiting or outreach services are also provided to small communities and outstations in very remote areas where a permanent primary health care service is not available.

The following organisations partner with Gove District Hospital in offering composite employment pathways to provide primary health care training placements in various organisations: Miwatj Aboriginal Health Service sites, Galiwinku, Gapuwiyak, Ramingining, Milingimbi, Yirrkala, Nhulunbuy and Gunyangara, Laynhapuy Homelands Health Service, and Arnhem Family Medical Centre.

Lifestyle

East Arnhem has some of the most stunning coastline in all of Australia. There are several beautiful beaches that are convenient to explore close to Nhulunbuy, as well as some more far-flung areas to explore via 4WD.

The annual Garma Festival celebrates Yolngu culture and promotes cross-cultural exchange. Families and individuals are drawn to East Arnhem for its unspoiled beaches, fishing opportunities, bushwalking, camping, and outdoor activities.

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Top End Region - Population and Primary Health Care (PPHC) – Remote

About

Known as the Top End Region which incorporates the north/north-east section of the Territory including the Adelaide River, Batchelor, West Daly, Tiwi Islands, and West Arnhem regions extending from Wagait in the north, to Wadeye in the west and Maningrida in the east. Close to 18,000 people live in the region

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Primary Health Care Sites

The service is based out of Darwin but involves extensive outreach to approximately 12 remote Aboriginal communities and surrounding homelands, as well as the Darwin Correctional Facilities. Trainees are embedded within multidisciplinary teams and typically spend 3–4 days per week in remote communities, either as day trips or overnight stays, with travel by road, ferry, or light aircraft to locations such as Wadeye, Wurrumiyanga, Pirlangimpi, Milikapiti, Daly River and others. Time in Darwin is spent undertaking clinical administration, follow-up care, and education activities. Trainees usually work across a maximum of two communities, enabling continuity of care and deeper community engagement.

Trainees develop skills across acute care and chronic disease and have the option of completing their extended skills training (AST/ARST) in Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health, Remote Health or Population Health.

The Medical Unit also provides the 24/7 Duty Medical Officer (DMO) telehealth service supporting remote communities, coordinating patient management locally and retrievals when required. Trainees are not rostered on the DMO service, but they do work within this broader system of remote care delivery and retrieval coordination.

Lifestyle

Unspoiled national parks, breathtaking waterfalls, coastal environments and iconic landmarks like Kakadu National Park make the Top End a haven for nature enthusiasts. The tropical oasis boasts a laid-back lifestyle, spectacular sunsets, and excellent fishing spots. Residents can explore unique Australian landscapes and enjoy cultural festivals, markets, and family-friendly activities in national parks.



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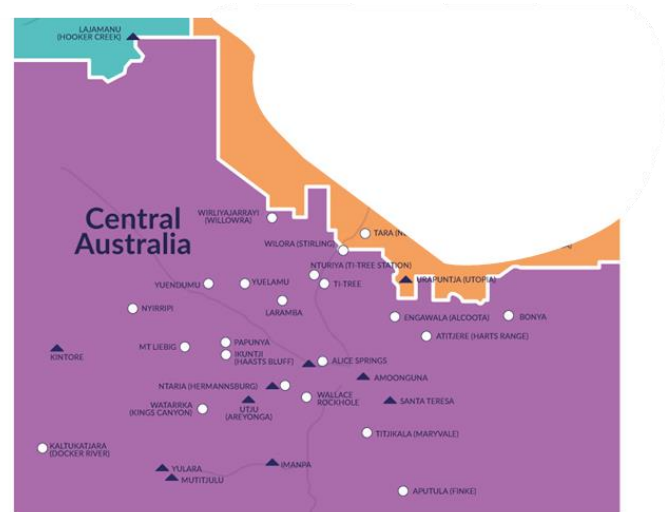
Central Australia Region - Population and Primary Health Care (PPHC) - Remote

About

Home to iconic landmarks such as the East and West MacDonnell Ranges, Finke Gorge, Uluru, Kings Canyon, and Watarraka National Park, Central Australia offers a unique blend of stunning landscapes and diverse cultural experiences.

Central Australia covers approximately 15 indigenous language groups across its vast 1 million square km expanse. Alice Springs, or Mparntwe, serves as the hub with a population of over 30,000 residents.

The Arrernte people are the traditional custodians of the lands around Alice Springs and have been deeply connected to the region for thousands of years. It attracts a large population of travellers, fostering a vibrant atmosphere and a friendly, relaxed community.



[Keep exploring Alice Springs and surrounds](#)

Primary Health Care Sites

Primary and Public Health Care encompass various services, including community allied health, aged care, child and family health, and environmental health. The Alice Springs Hospital, with 209 beds, provides general and emergency medicine, surgical, maternity, and paediatric services. As an accredited teaching hospital, it offers a range of secondary and some tertiary services, including a 10-bed intensive care unit and a renal dialysis centre. The hospital addresses a diverse range of health issues, with a particular focus on the Aboriginal population.

Lifestyle

The town offers a vibrant and active lifestyle, where residents can watch breathtaking sunrises from hot-air balloons, cool off in natural swimming holes, camp under star-filled skies, and connect with Aboriginal artists and their stories. For those seeking more adventurous pursuits, Alice Springs and its surrounds deliver everything from camel rides and world-class hiking along the Larapinta Trail to mountain-biking adventures and the iconic Finke Desert Race for motocross enthusiasts.

Nature lovers will find Alice Springs an ideal base for exploring Central Australia's most celebrated landmarks, including Uluru (Ayers Rock) and Mount Sonder. The town sits close to Simpsons Gap, a striking landscape where red rock walls frame a dry creek bed lined with ghost gums.

Families are drawn to the area for its convenience and community spirit, with schools, parks, and a wide range of activities for children all within easy reach.

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Regional contacts

Want to know more about one of the regions – contact the local experts

Barkly Region			
Tennant Creek Hospital (ED and medical rotations) & Composite	Dr Deane Martin, Director Medical Services	dms.tch@nt.gov.au	+61 8 8962 4399 +61 (0)459 419 402
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Katherine District Hospital Composite PPHC			
Central Region			
Alice Springs Hospital	Dr Kelly Banz, Co-Director Clinical Training	kelly.banz@nt.gov.au	+61 8 8951 7777
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Gove District Hospital – Composite			
Groote Eylandt PPHC			
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Advanced Skills Training (AST) and Additional Rural Skills Training (ARST)

All 12 ASTs and 10 ARSTs can be facilitated through these multi-year contracts.

AST / ARST	Location and number of positions
Anaesthesia	3 positions annually. Y1 – Darwin / Alice Springs Y2 – Independent year in Gove, Katherine, or Alice Springs Y3 – Year back at home region hospital using advanced skill.
Obstetrics and Gynaecology/ Obstetrics (ARANZCOG Advanced Procedural)	3 positions annually. Y1 – Darwin / Alice Springs Y2 – Independent year in Gove, Katherine, or Alice Springs Y3 – Year back at home region hospital using advanced skill.
Surgery	3 positions annually. Y1 – Darwin / Alice Springs Y2 – Independent year in Gove, Katherine, or Alice Springs Y3 – Year back at home region hospital using advanced skill.
Emergency Medicine	Emergency AST can be completed within Barkly Region and Central Australia Region.
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health	Available
Academic Practice	Available
Adult Internal Medicine	Available
Mental Health	Available
Paediatrics/Child health	Available
Palliative Care	Available
Population Health	Available
Remote Medicine/ Small town rural general practice	Available

Haven't decided on an Advanced Skill yet? That's fine. You can commence general training first, and your employing home region will work with you to plan an AST/ARST rotation when the time is right.

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Clinical scope and training experience

What will you be doing?

The NT's model is genuine Rural Generalism in practice. Across hospital, emergency, primary care, and outreach settings – often within the same week – you will manage:

- Acute emergency presentations including major trauma, paediatric emergencies, and obstetric emergencies
- High-volume chronic disease management – diabetes, renal disease, cardiovascular disease
- Maternal and child health across community and hospital settings
- Mental health assessment and management
- Outreach to remote Aboriginal communities
- In-patient ward medicine and surgical assists
- Procedural skills including anaesthetics, obstetrics, surgery (dependent on region and AST)

Supervision and education

- Named supervisors for all clinical placements
- Supervisors of Training (SOTs) accredited with ACRRM and/or RACGP at all sites
- Regular one-to-one clinical review and formative assessment support
- Access to structured education sessions, skills workshops, and mandatory training (ALSO, EMST, APLS, and equivalent)
- RGCU coordinates training sequence planning, logbook support, and inter-regional placement liaison
- Beginning- and end-of-year appraisals with opportunity to raise concerns, adjust training plans, and discuss career pathways

Primary health care terms

The RGCU will assist with accessing appropriate primary health care terms. Depending on site, these can be completed:

- As part of your NT Health contract
- As a composite employment arrangement with partner organisations
- Via leave without pay to complete this training requirement

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Pay, Conditions and Support

Medical officers are employed under the [Medical Officers \(Northern Territory Public Sector\) 2022 - 2025 Enterprise Agreement PDF \(3.3 MB\)](#) (the Agreement). Note – currently under renegotiation (as of May 2026).

Pay scale

All multi-year contract positions are paid at the Rural Generalist Trainee (RGT) or Senior Rural Generalist Trainee (SRGT) pay scale, which is higher than standard registrar rates. For current pay rates, refer to the NT Health Medical Officers Enterprise Agreement (above).

Key employment conditions

Condition	Detail
Accommodation	Free or heavily subsidised , furnished accommodation at all locations outside Alice Springs and Darwin
Darwin & Alice Springs accommodation	Not provided by NT Health; trainees arrange own accommodation. Up to 3 months subsidised on-site accommodation available for those relocating from interstate.
Relocation assistance	A generous relocation package is offered accounting for the commencement level and place of recruitment.
Professional development assistance	<p>Medical staff are eligible to receive the professional development assistance (PDA) package on commencement of employment, provided the Medical Officer is employed on contract specifying a minimum period of 6 months continuous service.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This allowance is paid fortnightly. • Part time Medical Officers will be eligible to receive PDA on a pro rata basis. • Additional PDA is also available for RMOs who have exhausted their annual PDA. Documentary evidence is required to support the claim. <p>For Professional Development Leave and Professional Development Allowances refer to the table in clause 32 (page 36-38) of the Agreement (see above).</p>
Professional development leave	<p>You can receive up to 10 days professional development leave a year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional Development leave up to 5 days per calendar year may be approved for PGY2+ Medical Officers and up to 10 days may be approved for Registrars and above, who have an employment contract of 6 months or more.

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Condition	Detail
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The amount of leave credited is pro rata based on the length of the contract and depends on the appropriateness of the course/seminar/conference/exam. <p>Refer to the NT Health Medical Officers Enterprise Agreement for more information.</p>
Recreation leave	<p>NT Health offers Medical Officers up to 7 weeks recreation leave per year, and it accrues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> your entitlement is 6 weeks recreation leave per calendar year, and an extra 1 week if you are rostered to work 10 Sundays in that calendar year. <p>Refer to the NT Health Medical Officers Enterprise Agreement for more information.</p>
College fees support	<p>NT government and both colleges may offer subsidy programs – see RGCU Financial Assistance page</p>

Financial assistance programs

Both colleges and other agencies offer relocation and ongoing subsidies. See:

NT Rural Generalist Financial Assistance: ruralgeneralist.nt.gov.au/support/financial

Cultural Safety and Cross-Cultural Practice

Working in the Northern Territory means working alongside and for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. This is a privilege and a responsibility that shapes how we recruit, train, and support our medical workforce.

Across health services throughout the Territory, trainees regularly collaborate with Aboriginal language interpreters, Aboriginal Liaison Officers, Aboriginal Health Practitioners, and community health teams. These partnerships are central to delivering culturally informed, effective care and to building strong relationships with the communities we serve.

Cross-cultural training

Each trainee working in NT Health is required to complete the Aboriginal Cultural Awareness Program during orientation, followed by ongoing cultural-safety training. This foundation enables trainees to develop strong skills in culturally safe clinical communication—skills that remain uncommon across much of the Australian medical workforce, yet are essential for providing effective, respectful care in the Northern Territory.

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How to Apply

Recruitment process overview

- 1 Submit your application via e-Recruit**
Apply at jobs.nt.gov.au. You only need to apply once, even if you are interested in more than one region or AST/ARST.
- 2 Referee reports**
The RGPU will contact your listed referees directly for written referee reports after the application period closes.
- 3 Shortlisting and ranking**
Representatives from all home regions meet in the week after applications close to rank applicants. Shortlisted applicants will be contacted and either offered employment directly or invited to interview.
- 4 Interviews (if required)**
Interviews are not required by NT Government recruitment process. If required, interviews will be held mid-August. Offers are sent by the first week of September.

What to include in your application

Your application should demonstrate your suitability for Rural Generalist training in the NT. Please include:

Curriculum vitae

- Personal and contact details
- AHPRA registration number and expiry
- College training pathway and enrolment status (ACRRM/RACGP)
- Educational qualifications
- Employment history with dates, positions held, and brief clinical scope
- Relevant procedural and clinical skills
- Publications, research, or teaching (if applicable)

Cover letter / statement of intent

Your cover letter should address:

- Why you want to work and train in the Northern Territory
- Your preference for home region(s) and reasons
- Your preferred AST/ARST (if decided), or which advanced skills you intend to take
- Any specific FTE mix you are seeking (e.g. 0.5 AST and 0.5 primary care)
- Any other relevant personal or training context the panel should be aware of

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Referees

Provide at least two referees who can speak to your clinical practice and your suitability for rural and remote medicine. Referees should ideally include a current or recent supervisor.

It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure contact information for referees is up to date and the referee is aware they will be contacted.

Contracts cannot be awarded without a minimum of two completed reference checks.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants – special measures

All NT Health Rural Generalist Trainee positions are subject to Special Measures. This means Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants are assessed first for all positions, provided the applicant:

- Meets all essential selection criteria
- Is suitable to the level of appointment
- Provides confirmation of Aboriginality before commencing in the role

For information about specific supports for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander trainees – including mentoring, cultural supervision, and connections with national Indigenous medical workforce programs – please contact RGCU directly.

Selection criteria

The selection panel comprises of representatives from all home regions and will assess applicants against the following:

- Medical knowledge and clinical competence appropriate to stage of training
- Commitment to a career in rural and remote medicine
- Ability to work effectively across cultural and community contexts
- Teamwork, communication, and professional conduct
- Self-directed learning and reflective practice
- Practical or personal connection to rural/remote communities (desirable)

Merit list and late vacancies

A merit list is maintained to inform late vacancies and opportunities. Not being matched to your first-preference region or AST/ARST does not necessarily mean you will not be offered a contract as the panel will consider alternative options. Accepting a contract with a different AST/ARST or location does not prevent you from applying for your preferred options in subsequent years.

Non-successful applicants are encouraged to contact RGCU for feedback and career navigation advice at any time.

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Frequently Asked Questions

Can I apply for more than one region or AST?

Yes – you only need to apply once. Use the online application to indicate all your preferences across regions and AST/ARSTs.

What if I have nearly finished my training?

Please apply. Contracts can be as short as one outstanding training term or an AST/ARST only.

Can I stay in one location for the duration of my contract?

You will have the opportunity to transfer between sites, but if you prefer to remain in one location this may be able to be supported. Please note this preference in the online application and provide reasoning.

Will I need to travel to Darwin or Alice Springs during my contract?

You may. Some AST/ARST years (particularly Anaesthetics and Obstetrics) commence in Darwin or Alice Springs before transitioning to a regional hospital. However, training is not limited to these centres. Priority may be given to placements at regional hospitals.

Is accommodation provided in Darwin or Alice Springs?

No – you are responsible for sourcing your own accommodation in Darwin or Alice Springs. However, if you are relocating from interstate, you have access to up to three months of subsidised on-site accommodation. Both colleges and other agencies may offer rental subsidies. See: ruralgeneralist.nt.gov.au/support/financial

Are relocation subsidies available?

Yes. NT Health offers relocation support for interstate relocations. Both colleges and other agencies may also offer relocation and ongoing subsidies. See: ruralgeneralist.nt.gov.au/support/financial

What if I am a current RACGP or FACRRM fellow wanting additional training?

RACGP fellows wanting to complete FRACGP-RG training, and FACRRM fellows seeking an additional AST, are eligible to apply. Specify the AST/ARST you wish to complete in your application.

Are these positions subject to Special Measures for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander applicants?

Yes. All NT Health Rural Generalist Trainee positions are subject to Special Measures. Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants who meet all essential criteria are assessed first. Proof of Aboriginality will be required as supporting documentation before commencement. If an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait

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Islander applicant is selected, remaining non-Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicants are not assessed for that position.

What happens if I am not selected for my preferred region or AST?

The panel will consider whether an alternative region or AST/ARST might suit your preferences and training needs. A merit list is also held for late vacancies. Unsuccessful applicants are encouraged to contact RGCU for feedback, and to discuss alternate training pathways in the NT.

Where do I submit location and AST preferences?

During the online application process through NT Health, you are required to provide location and AST preferences.

How is this process different from the Single Employee Model (SEM)?

Employment with non-NT Health primary health care providers is either on a secondment basis (Single Employee Model) or composite employment, depending on the region.

Who do I contact if I have more questions?

Contact the Rural Generalist Coordination Unit at any time:

Phone: +61 (08) 892 27248

Email: RGCU.health@nt.gov.au

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Contacts and Further Information

Resource	Link / Contact
RGCU – general enquiries	RGCU.health@nt.gov.au
NT Health careers portal	jobs.nt.gov.au
NT Rural Generalist Program website	ruralgeneralist.nt.gov.au
Financial assistance programs	ruralgeneralist.nt.gov.au/support/financial
Medical officer conditions and pay	healthjobs.nt.gov.au/explore-working-in-health/benefits/medical-officer
Registration standards	ahpra.gov.au

We look forward to receiving your application.

The NT offers something genuinely rare: the breadth of clinical challenge, the depth of community connection, and the security of a multi-year contract designed around your training needs.

Good luck!

— Rural Generalist Coordination Unit

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