



STP Trainee Fact Sheet

Trainees who have been placed in a Specialist Training Program (STP) funded training position will receive this Fact sheet. It provides general information on STP and outlines responsibilities of STP Trainees.

What is STP?

The STP is a Commonwealth initiative providing an annual Trainee salary contribution of \$100,000 for training posts in expanded settings outside traditional public teaching hospitals.

The Royal Australasian College of Physicians (RACP) is one of approximately 12 specialist medical colleges administering STP in settings including private hospitals, rural and remote hospitals and community health.

The STP also provides:

- Rural Support Loading (RSL) of up to \$20,000 for Trainee expenses in regional, rural and remote settings
- Private Infrastructure and Clinical Supervision (PICS) allowance, which is administered by the Royal Australasian College of Medical Administrators.

RACP administers STP with sites through a Funding and Administration Agreement. The liaison officer and supervisor(s) are responsible for meeting all reporting and payment requirements.

Medical Indemnity Insurance

Medical indemnity insurance must be in place for each Trainee before STP funding can be released for a post. In some circumstances the relevant state or territory may extend public hospital medical indemnity insurance to the Trainee while in the STP setting. Otherwise, Trainees may need to take out their own insurance.

STP Trainee Exit Survey

Under the terms of the Department of Health Funding and Administration Agreement with the RACP, Trainees are required to complete the Trainee Exit Survey on completion of their STP rotation.

The STP Unit will contact Trainees about completing the Trainee Exit Survey via two personal emails, in the month before the end of the STP rotation and in the month after. The STP prepares a Trainee Exit Survey report and submits it to the Department of Health annually.

For more information on the STP, please see the [STP Operational Framework](#) on the Department of Health website. Alternatively, contact the RACP STP unit at stp@racp.edu.au or +612 9256 9665.