

Special consideration guide

If you're a group A applicant and have extenuating circumstances that limit your ability to work in certain locations, you can apply for special consideration.

Applying for special consideration means you're seeking exemption from being in the ballot if your preferred hospital is oversubscribed. If you apply, and your application is approved, you'll do your internship at the hospital you preferenced as number 1.

Eligibility

You must have exceptional compassionate grounds or other exceptional reasons that would cause you significant personal or family hardship. For example:

- major health problem requiring frequent and ongoing highly specialised treatment only available in certain locations
- separation from a partner or dependent that would have significant negative impacts on you or your partner or dependent.

How to apply

To apply, you must use the [online portal](#). We only accept applications during the [campaign dates](#). You cannot apply for special consideration after our intern application period has closed.

At Step 3 of the application 'Other Details' you need to do all of the following:

- select 'Special Consideration'
- select the location (South East Queensland Corner Group or individual hospital) you are applying to
- provide a brief statement in the free text box regarding your special consideration request.

We wait until the close of live preferencing to see if you have preferenced an oversubscribed facility. If you're in an equal or undersubscribed facility there's no need to do anything further.

If you've preferenced an oversubscribed facility, we'll email you asking you to submit documents to support your special consideration application. You must supply them by the nominated date.

Nominating hospitals

If you're a group A applicant applying for the South East corner, you must nominate these hospitals first (in your preferred order):

- Caboolture Hospital
- Ipswich Hospital
- Redcliffe Hospital
- Redland Hospital

Once you've nominated the South East corner hospitals, you can nominate other hospitals (in your preferred order) including:

- Bundaberg Hospital
- Cairns Hospital
- Hervey Bay Hospital
- Mackay Hospital
- Mount Isa Hospital
- Rockhampton Hospital
- Sunshine Coast University Hospital
- Toowoomba Hospital
- Townsville University Hospital.

If you're not applying for the South East corner as a group, you can preference all 13 hospitals listed above in your preferred order.

Supporting documentation

You'll need to provide the following supporting documents in addition to other documents outlined in our application information:

- a certified copy of a [Queensland statutory declaration](#) detailing your potential hardship and a list of the documents you've supplied to support your request
- a certified copy of a [Queensland statutory declaration](#) made by someone else to confirm your claim
- certified copies of Medical certificates or other supporting documents that state what your exceptional compassionate grounds or other exceptional reasons are
- certified copies of evidence of your circumstances, for example if a medical condition, there must be sufficient evidence that the treatment can't be done somewhere else.

You must get all documents certified as copies of the original by either a justice of the peace, commissioner of declaration, barrister, solicitor, or notary public.

Ballot process

If you are approved for special consideration, you will be allocated to your first preferred location and excluded from the [ballot process](#). The only exception to this is when the number of approved special consideration applications is greater than the number of facility positions available. In this instance an exemption ballot will take place prior to the main ballot.

Review committee

Applications will be considered by the Special Consideration and Joint Ticket Committee (the Committee). The Committee comprises the following members or their proxies:

- Medical Advisory and Prevocational Accreditation Unit (MAPAU) representatives
- Medical Director, QRGP
- Rural Generalist Training Advisor, QRGP.

QRGP applicants will be notified of the Committee's decision at the same time as all Queensland applicant Group A intern offers are released. Decisions made by the Committee are final and are not subject to challenge or appeal.

Further information

Contact us on 1800 680 291 or rural_generalist@health.qld.gov.au