

RACGP international membership FAQs, including April special offer

What are the benefits of RACGP membership?

Be a part of one of the largest medical colleges in the world. The RACGP is home to over 42% of international medical graduates, and membership offers you a range of exclusive benefits to support your personal and professional challenges:

- A wide range of orientation activities about the Australian primary care system and culture through [gplearning](#), the RACGP's online learning portal
- Practical advice on getting your [general practice experience assessed and recognised](#)
- Access to [recruitGP](#), a database of general practice jobs in Australia
- Guidance on the [Practice Experience Program](#), one of the pathways to becoming a Fellow of the RACGP
- Access to the [GP support program](#), which can help you cope with personal and work-related issues as you prepare for/adjust to your new life

I'm currently in the process of applying for the Practice Experience Program (PEP) Specialist stream. Which RACGP membership should I apply for?

It depends on your current situation and how far you've progressed in your PEP application. Complete the [online application form](#) and let our team determine the best category for you.

I know I need to join the RACGP once I sign up for the PEP pathway. Should I apply for RACGP membership now (before the end of April)? If yes, which category should I apply under?

Yes, you'll gain access to all RACGP membership benefits when you join, so joining now will give you a good head start. Depending on where you live (overseas or Australia), we'll place you in the most appropriate membership category. Then when you enrol in the PEP, our membership team will ensure you're moved to the correct membership category.

What are the membership fees?

- Overseas – medical practitioner who holds valid overseas medical registration and resides overseas: \$604
- Overseas international – medical practitioner who holds valid International medical registration and a current member of the [Fiji](#), [Hong Kong](#) or [Malaysian](#) college: \$306
- International medical graduate – medical practitioner residing in Australia but who hasn't yet obtained medical registration in Australia: \$483

Is the Practice Experience Program Exam Preparation course optional? Is it included in my RACGP membership?

The Practice Experience Program Exam Preparation (PEPEXP) course is optional and can be completed to enhance your skills for the Applied Knowledge Test and Key Feature Problem RACGP Fellowship exams. The course is not included in your membership fee and can be purchased separately.

The PEPEXP is suitable for PEP participants:

- doing either the Standard or Specialist stream (partially comparable)
- demonstrating progression towards meeting [exam eligibility](#) within 12 months after completing the PEP educational component
- who have had difficulties with previous attempts to complete the RACGP Fellowship exams.

Does RACGP membership include support to prepare for RACGP Fellowship exams?

Yes, all members get access to the [Exam Support Program](#), resources designed to help you in your practice and exam preparation.

I've applied for RACGP membership via an email I received after attending an RACGP webinar but could not find any payment option.

This special promotional offer gives you two months' free membership. After you apply, we'll email you an invoice in May with the fee due by 30 June 2022, which will cover the extended membership period to June 30, 2023. Your membership access will be active within 48 hours of your application being approved.

The process of becoming eligible to work as a GP in Australia is exhaustive and cumbersome. Where do I start?

A good place to start is by viewing our [eight-part webinar series](#) on everything you need to know about becoming a GP in Australia. You'll hear from GP experts and international medical graduates who have been through the process and are eager to share their top tips.

Another good reference is the [Medical Board of Australia](#) (MBA) website. Check out the website to determine the requirements for becoming a medical practitioner in Australia. You can also contact the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency for this information.