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ACEM Regional, Rural and Remote Placement Information Guide

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Our vision is to be the trusted authority for ensuring clinical, professional and training standards in the provision of quality, evidence-based, patient-centred emergency care.

Our mission is to promote excellence in the delivery of quality emergency care to all of our communities through our committed and expert members.

Acknowledgement

The Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM) acknowledges the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Custodians of the lands upon which our office is located. We pay our respects to ancestors and Elders, past, present and future, for they hold the memories, traditions, culture and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples of Australia.

In recognition that we are a bi-national College, ACEM acknowledges Māori as tangata whenua and Treaty of Waitangi partners in Aotearoa New Zealand.

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Introduction

The ACEM Regional, Rural and Remote (RRR) Placement Information Guide provides information about how trainees can maximise their FACEM Training Program time in RRR locations.

Access to emergency care is an essential service for every community in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand, especially those in regional, rural and remote locations. When training at a RRR site, trainees have the opportunity to work and learn in a variety of locations and broaden their experience by working with diverse communities.

Many advantages of training and working in RRR locations exist, including:

+ Unique medical experiences with a diverse patient population, including greater exposure to Indigenous Health
+ Enhanced learning through complex cases and increased autonomy that helps develop leadership skills
+ Development of a comprehensive skillset in procedures and patient care, particularly in resource-limited environments
+ Cross-specialty learning and application of emergency medical expertise
+ Camaraderie and community-centered medicine
+ Individual recognition and appreciation
+ Active lifestyle with shorter commutes and proximity to nature

This information guide aims to:

+ Increase the number of trainees undertaking RRR training
+ Provide rural and regional pathways by increasing awareness of the options available
+ Increase the visibility of regional, rural, and remote emergency care for members and trainees

The Regional, Rural and Remote Placement Information Guide will be updated annually with the latest information on training site locations.

RRR classification

Sites listed in this guide meet the criteria of being MM 2 or greater according to the Modified Monash Model (MMM) 2019. The MMM is used to determine eligibility for a range of health workforce programs, such as rural bulk billing incentives, the Workforce Incentive Program and the Bonded Medical Program.

Descriptions of each category relevant to this guide are as follows:

Modified Monash Category (MMM 2019)	Description
MM 1	Metropolitan
MM 2	Regional centres
MM 3	Large rural towns
MM 4	Medium rural towns
MM 5	Small rural towns
MM 6	Remote communities
MM 7	Very remote communities

Sites located in Aotearoa New Zealand are classified as regional, rural or remote according to the Stats NZ Tatauranga Aotearoa's Functional Urban Area classification. The classification has identified EDs in Auckland, Christchurch, Wellington, Dunedin, Hamilton or Tauranga as 'metropolitan' with all others located outside of these cities as 'regional'.

Accreditation of training sites

This guide offers information on accredited training sites that are classified as RRR as described above. Please note that this guide may not include all accredited EDs in Australia located in regional, rural, and remote (RRR) areas. While current at the time of publishing, accreditation status may change, and new sites may become accredited. Sites are reinspected every five years. For an up-to-date list of accredited training sites, please click here.

"I was fortunate to begin my ACEM training in a regional area in Albany, Western Australia. The regional setting allowed my introduction to registrar training to be a pleasant experience with senior colleagues investing time and effort into my progress with an old-school-apprenticeship-like mentality.

Being in a smaller, mixed ED setting, I had a taste of everything emergency medicine can offer – enabling the development of a solid foundation of experience to build from.

When you are often the only registrar on the floor; procedure opportunities and resuscitation team participation was always on the cards when the sick patients were in the department. Being one of the few trainees during these formative years, I was able to build close relationships with my seniors and had constant access to mentorship which I have used for my later years.

Working and training in the rural setting you will always feel valued and appreciated, which tends to make training a more rewarding experience.

Every year there are more opportunities for trainees in regional areas with excellent financial incentives, development opportunities and patient mix exposure opportunities.

I highly recommend the experience."

– FACEM trainee, Dr James Dent (2023)

For non-ED placements, ACEM recognises training in non-ED specialties if the training post is approved for the Fellowship program of the relevant specialist medical college. Click here to check if a site is accredited by a specialist medical college and cross-check it using the Health Workforce Locator to see if it meets MM 2+ criteria. ACEM also accredits placements as Special Skills Placements (SSPs).

ACEM's National Program in Australia

The Commonwealth Department of Health fund ACEM's National Programs. Through these programs, many sites in Australia offer additional support and funding to assist trainees in their training journeys at RRR locations. The National Program aims to address some of the big challenges facing emergency medical care across Australia, including improving the quality and distribution of the future emergency care workforce. Two such opportunities include the Integrated Rural Training Pipeline (IRTP) and those considered as Specialist Training Placements and Support (STPS).

The IRTP initiative aims to deliver a sustainable, Australian-trained future medical workforce for regional, rural, and remote communities. An IRTP post enables a specialist trainee to complete at least two thirds of their speciality training within a rural region (defined as MMM 2-7 locations), with only limited metropolitan rotations where necessary to meet speciality training program requirements.

Under IRTP, specialist trainees:

- must show a commitment to working in a rural area;
- must complete at least two thirds of their specialty training within a rural region (defined as MMM 2-7 locations); and,
- may complete limited metropolitan rotations where necessary to meet College education and accreditation standards

The Specialist Training Program (STP) seeks to extend vocational training for specialist registrars (trainees) into settings outside traditional metropolitan teaching hospitals, including regional, rural, and remote and private facilitates. It aims to improve the quality of the future specialist workforce by providing non-GP speciality trainees with exposure to a broader range of healthcare settings. STP aims to have a positive influence on future medical workforce distribution. Funding contributes to salary support for trainees.

There may also be additional funding available to supplement the additional costs that trainees may incur when working in rural areas through Rural Loading Support (Rural Loading) or for supervision costs in private hospitals (Private Infrastructure and Clinical Supervision).

For any enquiries regarding Rural Loading funding or any additional funding support, trainees are recommended to contact ACEM at STP@acem.org.au before selecting sites to conduct training.

Additional funding is available for trainees in Tasmania, known as the Tasmania Project or 'Training More Specialist Doctors in Tasmania measure'.

The Tasmania Project aims to support approved speciality training to be undertaken and completed in Tasmania and support the training and retention of specialist doctors in the Tasmanian health system. ACEM currently facilitates six trainee posts, along with complementary supervisory positions in Tasmanian EDs. Click here for more information.

Further details

Emergency department training

Trainees are required to complete a minimum of 12 FTE months in an ACEM accredited non-major referral ED during their training. For new trainees commencing in 2027 of this 12 months Non-Major Referral time, trainees will be required to do minimum 6 FTE months of ED placement in an RRR site.

ED rotations listed in this guide are accredited at the time of publishing. It is the responsibility of all trainees to ensure that their placement is accredited before signing a contract to undertake training to ensure the training time will be certified towards meeting training requirements. This guide will be updated annually to reflect changes to accreditation.

You can see whether a site is accredited by ACEM on the 'Where can I do my training?' page on the ACEM website and you can check your training requirements on your MyACEM training portal or with the ACEM Training Team at training@acem.org.au.

Non-ED training – Special Skills Placement

Non-ED training can be undertaken in another speciality or in a discipline that is accredited by ACEM as a Special Skills Placement. View a list of these placements here.

If trainees wish to train at a site that is not accredited as an existing SSP, an application for a one-off certified training placement in Australia or Aotearoa New Zealand can be submitted. A 'Category T' application form must be completed and the placement approved prior to the placement starting to ensure training time will accrue to training requirements.

Find out more, including specific details for accredited special skills terms on the Training Site Accreditation page.

Non-ED training – Other specialties

Non-ED training can also be completed in a specialty that is recognised by the Australian Medical Council or Medical Council of New Zealand such as Psychiatry or General Medicine.

Non-ED specialty rotations listed in this guide are accredited by the relevant specialist medical colleges at the time of publishing. Accreditation should be verified with the relevant specialist college before undertaking a training placement.

Note: Placements undertaken in a unit(s) approved by the College of Intensive Care Medicine (CICM) solely for foundation training in intensive care medicine will not be credited towards the Critical Care training requirement. Sites accredited at this level by CICM will only be certified for non-ED training requirements.

Placements completed in Paediatric ICU or Paediatric Anaesthetics will also not be credited towards the Critical Care training requirement. Sites accredited at this level by CICM or Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) will only be certified for non-ED training requirements.

Health networks

Sites may be part of a health network, which are managed by the relevant parties at a site level. ACEM is not involved in the decisions made by health networks or other medical specialist colleges. All training placements recorded in the MyACEM portal must reflect the true full-time equivalent of training undertaken at a single site. Trainees are not permitted to complete a single training placement across multiple training sites, regardless of whether these are part of a health network.

Regional, rural and remote emergency medicine e-Learning modules

Available on the ACEM e-Learning pages, these mini digital learning resources are designed to support the development of knowledge and skills of trainees, ACEM members and other health professionals in regional, rural and remote emergency care in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand.

Click here to access the module on 'Getting the most out of a rural placement'.

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FACEM training placements in RRR locations

The following pages provide information on RRR sites in Australia and Aotearoa New Zealand, categorised by region. Details included:

+ Site name
+ RRR classification
+ Accredited specialties available
+ Paediatric Emergency Requirement status
+ Accredited site limit in ED training
+ Training Stage 4 (TS4) accreditation status
+ Available funding and type (IRTP / STPS)

New South Wales

Regional, rural, and remote EDs are known for their unique camaraderie and community-centred medicine.

New trainees are welcomed and appreciated for the tremendous value they can add. Trainees quickly discover the broad skillset of rural doctors and nurses who are accustomed to managing critically ill patients without local subspecialty support.

Rural training provides an opportunity for trainees to manage the full range of emergency presentations in a relatively resource-limited environment. The friendly atmosphere of rural EDs is extended to regular social get-togethers.

It's also a great opportunity for trainees to expand their procedural expertise under direct supervision. Access to dedicated exam preparation in small groups is frequently available, with the same access to online resources shared by all NSW trainees. Flexible rostering can be an option to facilitate work-life balance.

– Dr Miguel Taliana
NSW Regional Censor (2023)

TAMWORTH (PICTURED) IS ONE OF THE MANY REGIONAL, RURAL AND REMOTE LOCATIONS IN NSW THAT OFFER A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE FOR TRAINEES TO EXPAND THEIR EXPERTISE.
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Site Name	MMM	Accreditation Post*	Paediatric Emergency Requirement	Site Limit for Training (months)	Accredited For TS4*	Type of Funding (IRTP / STPS)
Albury Wodonga Health [Albury Campus] ^	MM 2	ED General	Yes	24	Yes	STPS (ED)
		Ultrasound	No	3	No	–
Coffs Harbour Hospital	MM 3	ED General	Yes	36	Yes	–
Dubbo Hospital	MM 3	ED General	Yes	24	Yes	STPS (ICU* and Anaesthetics*)
Grafton Base Hospital	MM 3	ED General	Yes	24	Yes	–
Kempsey District Hospital	MM 4	ED General	No	12	Yes	–
		Ultrasound	No	3	Yes	STPS (Ultrasound)
Lismore Base Hospital	MM 3	ED General	Yes	24	Yes	STPS (ED, ICU* and Anaesthetics*)
		Pre-Hospital and Retrieval	No	6	No	STPS (Pre-Hospital and Retrieval)
		Ultrasound	No	6	No	–
		Medical Education	No	3	No	–
Macksville Hospital	MM 4	Rural/Remote Health	No	6	No	–
Orange Health Service	MM 3	ED General	Yes	24	Yes	IRTP
Port Macquarie Base Hospital	MM 3	ED General	Yes	36	Yes	IRTP and STPS (Anaesthetics*)
Royal Flying Doctor Service - Dubbo	MM 5	Pre-Hospital and Retrieval	No	6	No	–
Shoalhaven Hospital	MM 3	ED General	Yes	12	Yes	–
Tamworth Rural Referral Hospital	MM 3	ED General	Yes	36	Yes	–
		Pre-Hospital and Retrieval	No	6	Yes	–
Wagga Wagga Base Hospital	MM 3	ED General	Yes	36	Yes	IRTP
		Ultrasound	No	3	No	STPS (Anaesthetics*)

*Accredited through ANZCA (Anaesthetics) or CICM (ICU)
Click here for up-to-date accreditation status.

^ Although Albury Wodonga Health (Albury Campus) is located in NSW, it is part of the Victorian health system.

Note: Only ED General Accreditation Posts are eligible for RRR placements. Please refer to the RRR placement requirement website for further information.

Locations for FACEM training in regional, rural and remote New South Wales (MM 2+)



Marker	Site
1	Lismore Base Hospital
2	Grafton Base Hospital
3	Coffs Harbour Hospital
4	Macksville Hospital
5	Kempsey District Hospital
6	Port Macquarie Base Hospital
7	Tamworth Rural Referral Hospital
8	Dubbo Hospital
9	Orange Health Service
10	Shoalhaven Hospital
11	Wagga Wagga Base Hospital
12	Albury Wodonga Health [Albury Campus]
13	Royal Flying Doctor Service – Dubbo

Northern Territory



The Northern Territory is a unique setting with opportunities to learn about Indigenous Health, and rural and remote medicine.

There are two accredited sites in the Top End and two in Central Australia, spanning tertiary, regional and rural settings. Your clinical skills will be tested with high rates of rheumatic heart disease, bronchiectasis, overwhelming sepsis, complex renal disease, and significant poly trauma presentations. Many patients require long distance retrieval, leading to delayed and more critically unwell presentations.

Royal Darwin is a tertiary site that sees almost 70,000 presentations per year, including a multitude of rare tropical diseases. There is dedicated ultrasound training, and we have access to rotations in ICU, anaesthetics, and paediatrics. We have links with CareFlight NT for the Associateship in Pre-Hospital and Retrieval Medicine.

Katherine Hospital is 400km from Darwin and is accredited for a Special Skills Placement in Rural/Remote Health. Trainees can gain a deeper understanding of culturally safe care and the complex decision making required in a remote and resource poor environment.

The Top End is a cultural mixing pot with beautiful food, a thriving arts scene and access to the stunning national parks of Litchfield and Kakadu.

In Central Australia, Alice Springs ED will see you practising high acuity medicine in a young population where 80 per cent of patients are Aboriginal. The site sees roughly 50,000 presentations a year, with a 42 per cent admission rate, median age of 34 years and 22 per cent paediatric presentations. Tennant Creek Hospital also provides an SSP in Rural/Remote Health.

We have a passion for Aboriginal Health and rural medicine, and the hospital thrives on collegiate relationships. We have Tier 1 and Training Stage 4 accreditation for non-major referral ACEM ED training, including the paediatric emergency requirement. We offer protected registrar teaching, support your WBAs, and roster in charge consultant and quality assurance shifts. We can facilitate accredited rotations through paediatrics, anaesthetics, ICU, rural and remote medicine, retrieval medicine and Aboriginal Health.

The site is surrounded by the beautiful MacDonnell Ranges and offers plenty keep you busy outside of work.

– Dr Rebecca Day
Northern Territory Regional Censor and
Dr Anna Fairbairn
Emergency Staff Specialist, Deputy Director, Alice Springs Hospital (2023)

THE NORTHERN TERRITORY IS HOME TO FIVE REGIONAL, RURAL AND REMOTE SITES, INCLUDING ALICE SPRINGS (PICTURED).
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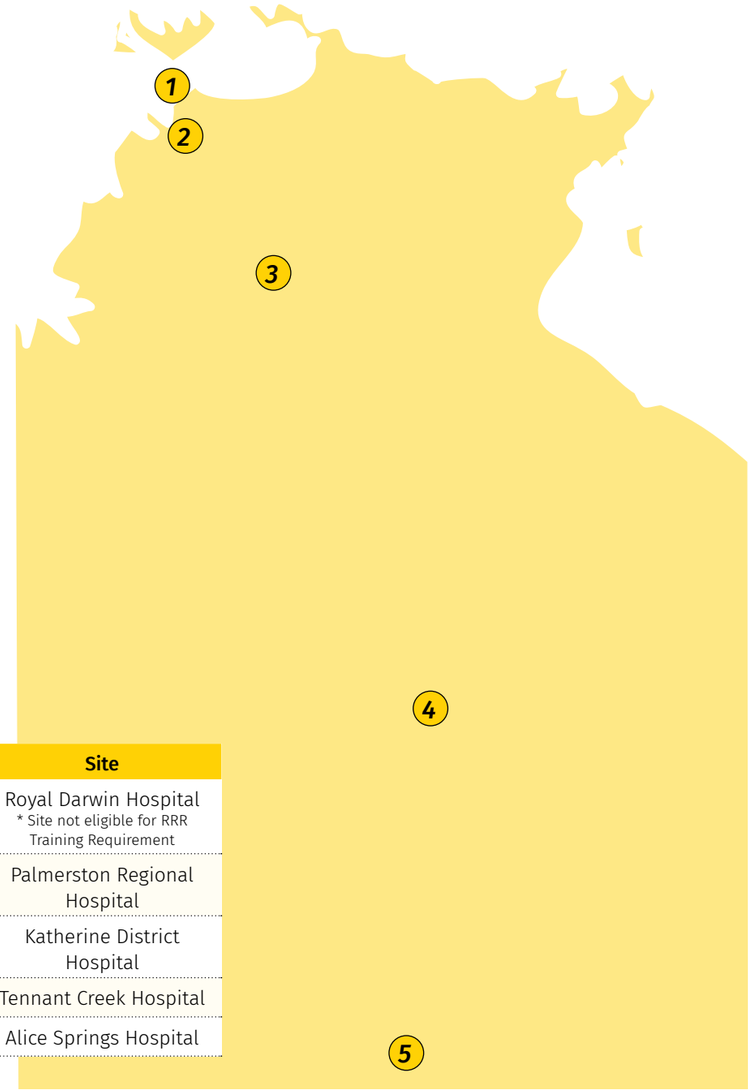
Site Name	MMM	Accreditation Post*	Paediatric Emergency Requirement	Site Limit for Training (months)	Accredited For TS4*	Type of Funding (IRTP / STPS)
Alice Springs Hospital	MM 6	ED General	Yes	24	Yes	IRTP and STPS (ED, and Pre-Hospital and Retrieval)
		Pre-Hospital and Retrieval	No	6	Yes	
		Indigenous Health	No	6	Yes	–
Katherine Hospital	MM 6	Rural/Remote Health	–	6	No	–
Palmerston Regional Hospital	MM2	ED General	Yes	12	Yes	–
Royal Darwin Hospital*	MM 2	ED General	Yes	36	Yes	IRTP
Tennant Creek Hospital	MM 7	Rural/Remote Health	No	3	No	STPS (Rural & Remote Health)

*Not eligible for RRR Training Requirement.

Click here for up-to-date accreditation status.

Note: Only ED General Accreditation Posts (excluding Royal Darwin Hospital) are eligible for RRR placements. Please refer to the RRR placement requirement website for further information.

Locations for FACEM training in regional, rural and remote Northern Territory (MM 2+)



Marker	Site
1	Royal Darwin Hospital * Site not eligible for RRR Training Requirement
2	Palmerston Regional Hospital
3	Katherine District Hospital
4	Tennant Creek Hospital
5	Alice Springs Hospital

Queensland

Doing emergency medicine training in regional, rural and remote Queensland offers a plethora of benefits for trainees looking to gain practical experience, knowledge and have a fulfilling training experience.

Firstly, the regional areas offer unique opportunities for medical procedures that may not be available in urban settings.

There are less trainees to compete with for the most advanced procedures in emergency medicine. These procedures may include handling trauma cases, critical care, snake bites and other toxicology cases, paediatrics, and much more.

There is also the opportunity to work alongside our indigenous populations and understand their unique culture, and opportunities and challenges from a health point of view.

Another key benefit of emergency medicine training in regional, rural, and remote Queensland is the close working relationships that are formed with FACEMs.

Due to the smaller size of hospitals, ACEM trainees often have more opportunities to interact with their ED consultants and receive one-on-one guidance and support. This allows for a more personalised training experience, where trainees can ask questions and receive feedback in real-time, leading to a more rewarding and effective learning experience.

There are more likely to be consultant jobs at the end of training in the regions too.

Lastly, the weather in Queensland is warm and sunny all year round, providing a pleasant working environment that enhances the overall experience of living regionally. Queensland has a plethora of options for training, from larger coastal cities to mid-size towns, to outback and working towns, all with places of incredible natural beauty easily accessible.

Overall, emergency medicine training in regional, rural, and remote Queensland offers a unique, enjoyable, and valuable experience that provides trainees with the skills and knowledge needed to succeed into the future.

– Dr Kim Hansen,
QLD Faculty Chair (2023)

REGIONAL, RURAL AND REMOTE LOCATIONS IN QUEENSLAND, INCLUDING CAIRNS (PICTURED), PROVIDE A WIDE VARIETY OF BENEFITS TO TRAINEES LOOKING TO FULFILL THEIR TRAINING REQUIREMENTS.
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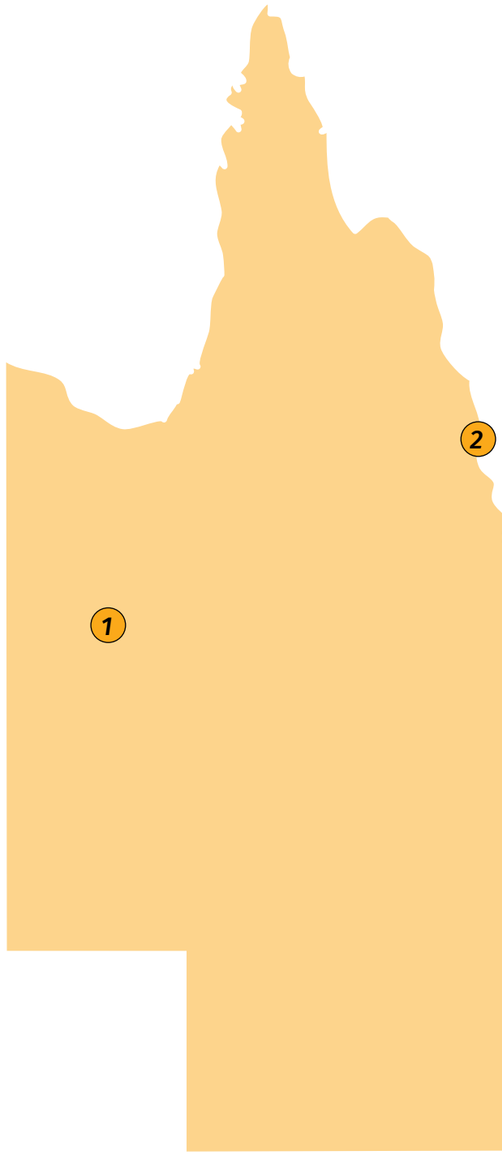
Site Name	MMM	Accreditation Post*	Paediatric Emergency Requirement	Site Limit for Training (months)	Accredited For TS4*	Type of Funding (IRTP / STPS)
Bundaberg Base Hospital	MM 2	ED General	Yes	24	Yes	IRTP and STPS (Anaesthetics^)
Cairns Hospital	MM 2	ED General	Yes	36	Yes	STPS (ED and Medical Education)
		Medical Education/ Simulation	No	6	Yes	
Gladstone Hospital	MM 3	ED General	Yes	24	Yes	STPS (ED)
		ACEM Anaesthetics Critical Care	No	6	No	–
Gympie Hospital	MM 3	ED General	Yes	12	Yes	–
Hervey Bay Hospital	MM 2	ED General	Yes	24	Yes	STPS (Anaesthetics^)
LifeFlight Retrieval Medicine: · Cairns Base · Mackay · Rockhampton Base · Toowoomba Base · Townsville Base	MM 2	Pre-Hospital & Retrieval	No	6	Yes	–
Mackay Base Hospital	MM 2	ED General	Yes	12	No	IRTP and STPS (ED)
Mater Private Hospital Townsville	MM 2	ED General	No	12	No	STPS (Anaesthetics^)
Mount Isa Base Hospital	MM 6	ED General	Yes	24	Yes	STPS (ED)
Rockhampton Hospital	MM 2	ED General	Yes	24	No	–
		Ultrasound	No	3	No	STPS (Ultrasound)
Royal Flying Doctor Service - Cairns	MM 2	Pre-Hospital & Retrieval	No	6	Yes	–
Royal Flying Doctor Service - Mt Isa	MM 7	Pre-Hospital & Retrieval	No	6	Yes	–
Toowoomba Hospital	MM 2	ED General	Yes	36	Yes	IRTP and STPS (ED and Anaesthetics^)
		Medical Education/ Simulation	No	6	Yes	–
		Ultrasound	No	3	Yes	–
Townsville University Hospital*	MM 2	ED General	Yes	36	Yes	IRTP (Ultrasound)
		Ultrasound	No	3	No	

*Not eligible for RRR Training Requirement.

^Accredited through ANZCA (Anaesthetics) or CICM (ICU) Click here for up-to-date accreditation status.

Note: Only ED General Accreditation Posts (Excluding Townsville University Hospital) are eligible for RRR placements. Please refer to the RRR placement requirement website for further information.

Locations for FACEM training in regional, rural and remote Queensland (MM 2+)



Marker	Site
1	Mount Isa Base Hospital
2	Cairns Hospital
3	Townsville University Hospital * Site not eligible for RRR Training Requirement
4	Mackay Base Hospital
5	Rockhampton Hospital
6	Gladstone Hospital
7	Bundaberg Base Hospital
8	Hervey Bay Hospital
9	Gympie Hospital
10	Toowoomba Hospital
11	Royal Flying Doctor Service - Cairns
12	Royal Flying Doctor Service - Mt Isa
13	Mater Private Hospital Townsville
14	LifeFlight Retrieval Medicine

South Australia

“The addition of Mt Mount Barker District Soldiers’ Memorial Hospital as an accredited site for regional, rural and remote training offers exciting new opportunities for this training pathway in South Australia.

On the fringe of Adelaide, Mt Mount Barker is closely tied to the Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (SALHN).

Along with Mt Gambier, this is a great opportunity to follow the regional, rural, and remote pathway with the possibility of living in Adelaide and taking advantage of the diverse training experiences available across our hospital networks.”

– Dr Michael Edmonds
SA Faculty Chair (2023)

MOUNT GAMBIER, HOME TO A REGIONAL RURAL AND REMOTE TRAINING SITE, IS SITUATED NEAR THE BEAUTIFUL BLUE LAKE – A LARGE DORMANT VOLCANO.
IMAGE: iStock / Bundit Minramun

Site Name	MMM	Accreditation Post*	Paediatric Emergency Requirement	Site Limit for Training (months)	Accredited For TS4*	Type of Funding (IRTP / STPS)
Mount Barker District Soldiers' Memorial Hospital	MM 3	ED General	Yes	12	Yes	–
Mount Gambier and Districts Health Service	MM 3	ED General	No	12	Yes	–

Click here for up-to-date accreditation status.

Note: Only ED General Accreditation Posts are eligible for RRR placements. Please refer to the RRR placement requirement website for further information.

Locations for FACEM training in regional, rural and remote South Australia (MM2+)



Marker	Site
1	Mount Barker District Soldiers Memorial Hospital
2	Mount Gambier and Districts Health Service

Tasmania

Tasmania is in a unique position to be an area of excellence for rural emergency medicine training. While we only have three accredited training facilities, the benefit of this is that we are a fully supportive family that ensures we care and look after our trainees.

You will have the ability to gain extensive experience in our rural and regional centres – with high numbers of traumas, critically unwell patients, paediatrics, etc – setting you up perfectly for your career as a specialist, but also helping to gain the experience to pass the Fellowship exam.

We often refer to Burnie as the finishing school – setting you up to be in charge on shifts, handling numerous and variable caseloads, as well as taking on portfolios.

The lifestyle is what is truly magical about training with us – allowing a smooth integration of work, study, and life. You have mountains and seas, and all activities that come with these at the foot of your door.

Tasmania really is the gateway to wellbeing in rural emergency medicine.

– Dr Juan Carlos Ascencio-Lane
TAS Faculty Chair (2023)

LAUNCESTON IS HOME TO ONE OF THREE SITES THAT OFFER A REGIONAL, RURAL AND REMOTE TRAINING LOCATION IN TASMANIA.
IMAGE: iStock / Ulrika

Site Name	MMM	Accreditation Post*	Paediatric Emergency Requirement	Site Limit for Training (months)	Accredited For TS4*	Type of Funding (IRTP / STPS)
Launceston General Hospital	MM 2	ED General	Yes	24	Yes	IRTP
		Ultrasound	No	3	No	
North West Regional Hospital	MM 3	ED General	Yes	12	Yes	STPS (ED)
Royal Hobart Hospital*	MM 2	ED General	Yes	36	Yes	–
		Medical Education/ Simulation	No	3	Yes	
		Trauma	No	6	Yes	
		Research	No	3	Yes	
		Geriatric EM	No	6	Yes	

* Not eligible for RRR Training Requirement

Tasmania Project funding available for all sites.
Click here for up-to-date accreditation status.

Note: Only ED General Accreditation Posts (Excluding Royal Hobart Hospital) are eligible for RRR placements. Please refer to the RRR placement requirement website for further information.

Locations for FACEM training in regional, rural and remote Tasmania (MM 2+)



Marker	Site
1	North West Regional Hospital
2	Launceston General Hospital
3	Royal Hobart Hospital * Site not eligible for RRR Training Requirement

Victoria

Victorian rural and regional training offers a broad range of experiences to build a very well-rounded emergency physician.

There are many benefits of training outside a metropolitan context – trainees have the opportunity to work in departments which see all clinical presentations due to a lack of available specialist hospitals and sub-specialist registrars. This also assists trainees in rapidly upskilling in patient care across all ages, rather than requiring dedicated paediatric rotations to meet training requirements.

Trainees are well supported in rural placements across the state. Working in smaller centres provides opportunities to build professional relationships with senior colleagues and mentors which can last the duration of training and beyond.

Rural and regional trainees are often given the opportunity to develop leadership skills and 'grow their wings' earlier than colleagues in quaternary centres with experiences such as 'in charge' night shifts no longer reserved for final year trainees.

Many trainees report that this is the time they really cement their professional growth and clinical reasoning skills without a FACEM standing beside them, but support is only a phone call away.

Rural clinicians have the benefit of embedding themselves in their local communities, which provides opportunities to build relationships across the health service inpatient colleagues become surfing buddies, hiking friends and may be seen at catchups at the local sporting games. This makes for friendlier referrals and support from the hospital when needed.

Finally, there are so many beautiful places to live and work across rural and regional Victoria.

Housing, transport and education are often much more reasonable than inner metropolitan areas, and so many wonderful outdoor activities to create a distraction from busy clinical shifts for the adventurous and not so adventurous!"

– Dr Belinda Hibble
VIC Faculty Chair (2023)

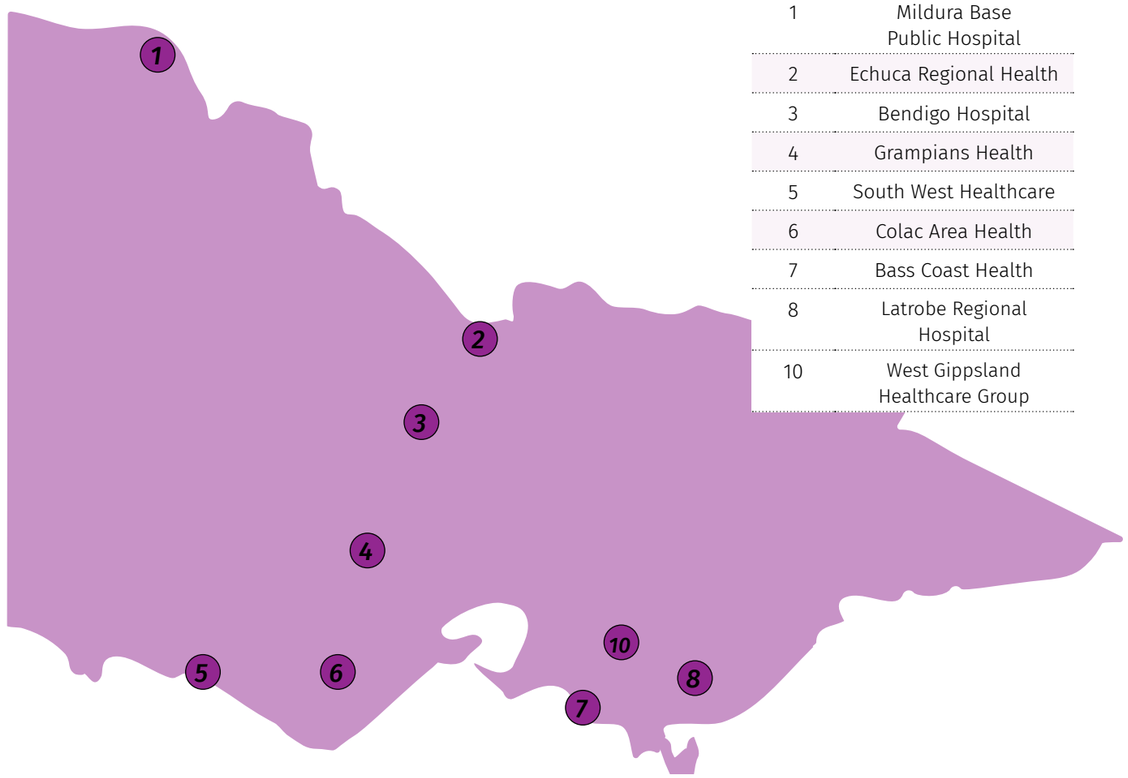
VICTORIA HAS SEVEN REGIONAL, RURAL AND REMOTE TRAINING LOCATIONS, SPANNING FROM IDYLLIC MILDURA ON THE MURRAY RIVER (PICTURED) TO SITES ON THE SOUTHERN COAST.
IMAGE: iStock / zetter

Site Name	MMM	Accreditation Post*	Paediatric Emergency Requirement	Site Limit for Training (months)	Accredited For TS4*	Type of Funding (IRTP / STPS)
Bass Coast Health	MM 4	Rural/Remote Health	No	3	No	–
Bendigo Hospital	MM 2	ED General	Yes	36	Yes	STPS (ED and Anaesthetics*)
Colac Area Health	MM 4	Rural/Remote Health	No	6	No	STPS (Rural and Remote)
Echuca Regional Health	MM 3	ED General	No	12	Yes	–
Grampians Health – Ballarat	MM 2	ED General	Yes	24	Yes	STPS (ED and Anaesthetics*)
Latrobe Regional Hospital [Traralgon]	MM 3	ED General	No	12	Yes	–
Mildura Base Public Hospital	MM 3	ED General	Yes	12	Yes	STPS (ED)
		ACEM Anaesthetics Special Skills	No	6	No	–
South West Healthcare [Warrnambool]	MM 3	ED General	Yes	24	Yes	IRTP and STPS (ED)
West Gippsland Healthcare Group [Warragul]	MM 4	Rural/Remote Health	No	6	No	–

*Accredited through ANZCA (Anaesthetics) or CICM (ICU)
Click here for up-to-date accreditation status.

Note: Only ED General Accreditation Posts are eligible for RRR placements. Please refer to the RRR placement requirement website for further information.

Locations for FACEM training in regional, rural and remote Victoria (MM2+)



Marker	Site
1	Mildura Base Public Hospital
2	Echuca Regional Health
3	Bendigo Hospital
4	Grampians Health
5	South West Healthcare
6	Colac Area Health
7	Bass Coast Health
8	Latrobe Regional Hospital
10	West Gippsland Healthcare Group

Western Australia

Rural Western Australia offers amazing FACEM training opportunities and lifestyle. With ACEM accredited training available in three regional centres, trainees can complete all their training in rural WA (except the mandatory six months major referral ED time).

Albany is accredited for 24 months, including Training Stage 4 with Paediatric Emergency Requirement (PER). Bunbury is accredited for 24 months, including Training Stage 4 and PER, and offers a critical care (anaesthetics) term and an SSP in medical education and simulation.

Geraldton's accredited rural/remote health term provides time in ED, inpatient, and community practice with a focus on Indigenous Health and is linked to a Perth-based critical care term.

Other sites in rural Western Australia have also hosted trainee arranged SSPs, often with an Indigenous Health focus.

Trainees say they are exposed to more 'real' emergency medicine in a friendly regional hospital setting – where they know everyone, and everyone knows them.

They take more responsibility for patient care with high levels of FACEM support and develop the skills, knowledge, and attitudes to work as FACEMs.

Another feature of Western Australia is vast distances to tertiary care, so managing complex patients requiring transfer is common.

Traffic is minimal; recreation of all types is possible; culture is booming and diverse. If you want to live where others choose to holiday, train in rural Western Australia.

– Dr Bronwyn Peirce
WACHS Co-Clinical Director Emergency Medicine and Bunbury Staff Specialist (2023)

THE COASTAL TOWN OF BUNBURY, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, IS HOME TO THE REGIONAL, RURAL AND REMOTE TRAINING SITE OF BUNBURY HOSPITAL.
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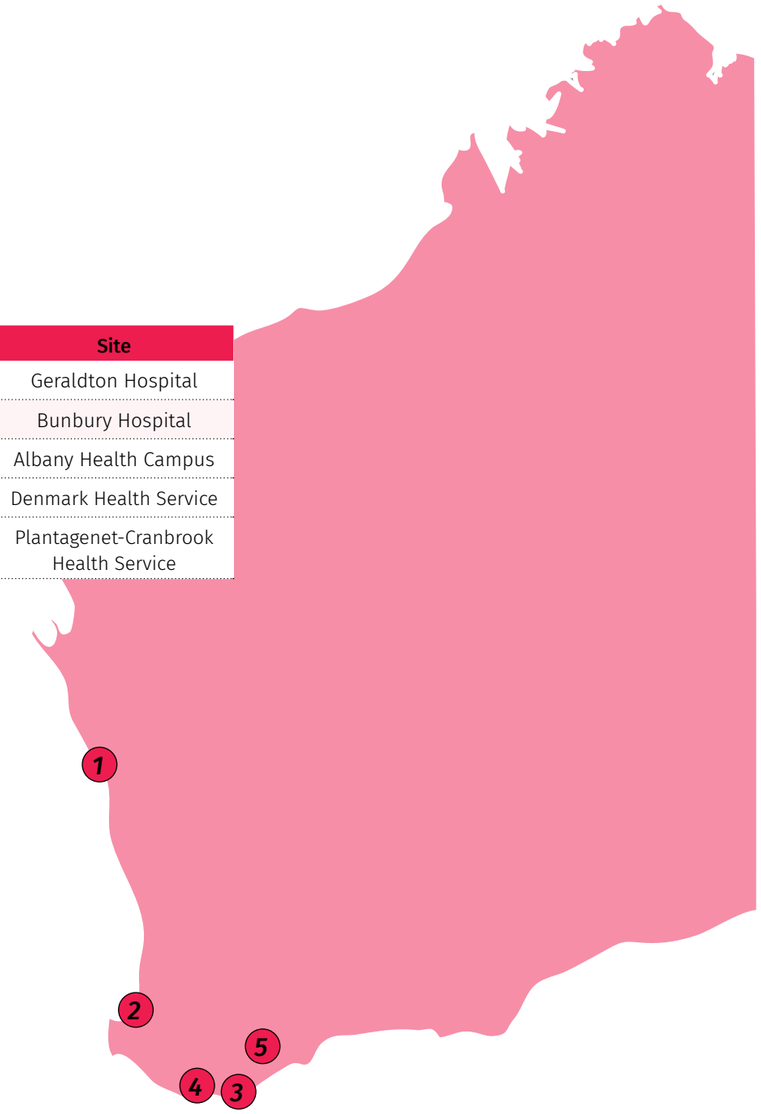
Site Name	MMM	Accreditation Post*	Paediatric Emergency Requirement	Site Limit for Training (months)	Accredited For TS4*	Type of Funding (IRTP / STPS)
Albany Health Campus	MM 3	ED General	Yes	24	Yes	IRTP and STPS (ED)
		Medical Education/ Simulation	No	6	Yes	–
Bunbury Hospital at South West Health Campus	MM 2	ED General	Yes	24	Yes	STPS (ED, Medical Education/ Simulation)
		Medical Education/ Simulation	No	6	Yes	
Denmark Health Service	MM 5	Rural/Remote Health	No	6	Yes	–
Geraldton Hospital	MM 3	Rural/Remote Health	No	6	No	–
Plantagenet-Cranbrook Health Service	MM 5	Rural/Remote Health	No	6	Yes	–

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Locations for FACEM training in regional, rural and remote Western Australia (MM 2+)

Marker	Site
1	Geraldton Hospital
2	Bunbury Hospital
3	Albany Health Campus
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5	Plantagenet-Cranbrook Health Service



Aotearoa New Zealand

Aotearoa New Zealand offers an amazing variety of places that fulfil the rural emergency care training time. The ten sites accredited for rural training represent all the great aspects of living in Aotearoa.

Taranaki offers access to world class surfing, Hawkes Bay to wonderful food and great vineyards, and Southland to the incredible landscapes of the Catlins and Central Otago – complete with winter skiing, and summer hiking and mountain biking.

Nelson is an incredibly cool city with both stunning beaches and serious mountain biking nearby. However, all the sites offer access to unique, wonderful areas that are worth exploring, even if for only six months.

Many FACEMs have chosen these places to live and work due to the quality of life they offer.

The payoff of this is that the training in these areas is of a very high standard, with all offering access to consistently excellent teaching and on the floor supervision.

FACEM trainees who go to these sites consistently report better access to procedures and critical care interventions, things that they often struggle to get in larger sites.

An additional draw is that several sites can offer access to anaesthetics time after periods spent training there, including Rotorua and Southland.

Our rural training centres offer excellent opportunities to hone your skills as an emergency physician.

Aotearoa New Zealand is both small enough and big enough that our rural sites exist in places where there is lots to do and have vibrant communities that people get very settled in but are also situated within driving distance of major cities.

Overall, the sites in Aotearoa New Zealand offering rural training are well established with a strong FACEM core and are highly regarded by trainees who spend time there.

– Dr Donagh MacMahon
New Zealand Faculty Trainee Representative (2023)

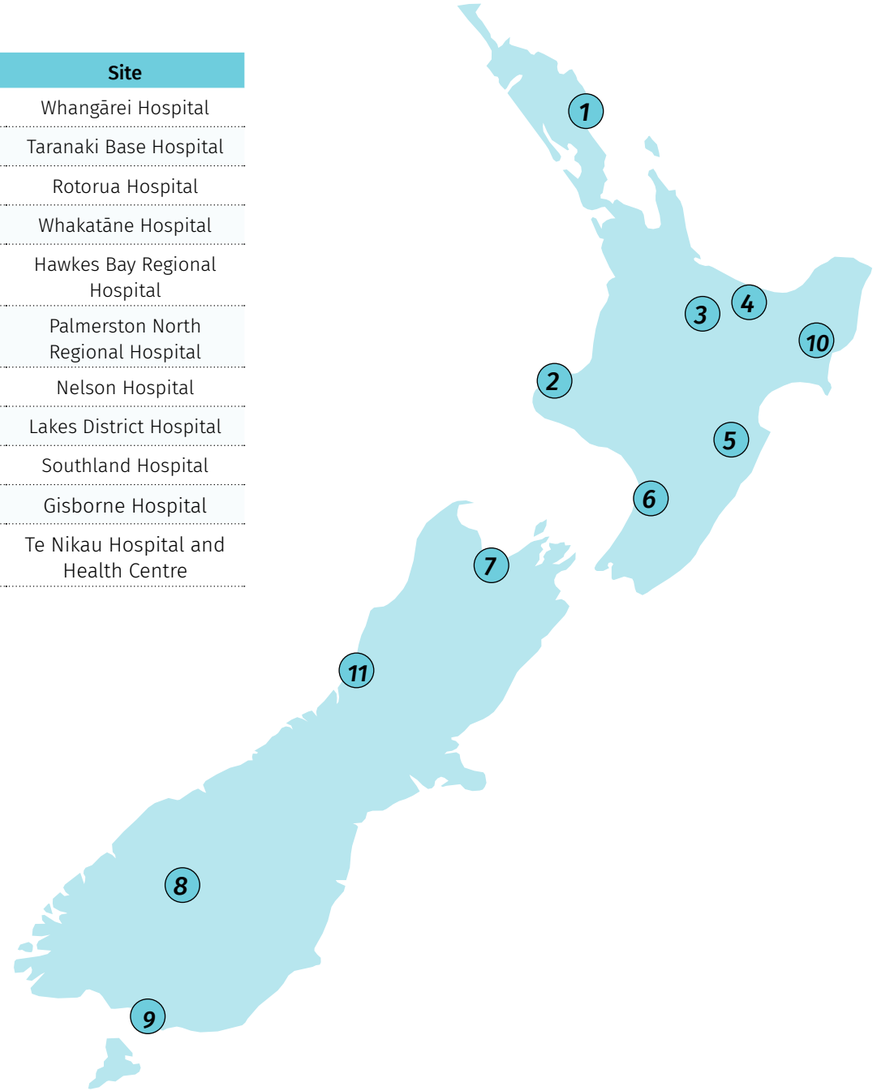
AOTEAROA NEW ZEALAND HAS SEVERAL LOCATIONS, INCLUDING STUNNING TARANAKI (PICTURED), THAT PROVIDE RURAL TRAINING TO TRAINEES LOOKING TO HONE THEIR SKILLS AS EMERGENCY PHYSICIANS. IMAGE: iStock / jfoltyn

Site Name	MMM	Accreditation Post*	Paediatric Emergency Requirement	Site Limit for Training (months)	Accredited For TS4*	Type of Funding
Gisborne Hospital	–	ED General	Yes	12	Yes	–
Hawkes Bay Regional Hospital	–	ED General	Yes	24	Yes	–
Lakes District Hospital	–	Rural / Remote Health	No	6	Yes	–
Nelson Hospital	–	ED General	Yes	12	Yes	–
Palmerston North Hospital	–	ED General	Yes	24	Yes	–
Rotorua Hospital	–	ED General	Yes	24	Yes	–
Southland Hospital	–	ED General	Yes	12	Yes	–
Taranaki Base Hospital	–	ED General	Yes	24	Yes	–
Te Nikau Hospital and Health Centre	–	Rural/Remote Health	No	6	No	–
Whakatāne Hospital	–	ED General	Yes	12	No	–
Whangārei Hospital	–	ED General	Yes	24	Yes	–

Please note, at the time of publishing there were no sites with 'Regional' classification that were also accredited as 'Major Referral' in ED General. Click here for up-to-date accreditation status.

Locations for FACEM training in regional Aotearoa New Zealand

Marker	Site
1	Whangārei Hospital
2	Taranaki Base Hospital
3	Rotorua Hospital
4	Whakatāne Hospital
5	Hawkes Bay Regional Hospital
6	Palmerston North Regional Hospital
7	Nelson Hospital
8	Lakes District Hospital
9	Southland Hospital
10	Gisborne Hospital
11	Te Nikau Hospital and Health Centre



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