

AOA Transition to Practice Accredited Fellowship Fact Sheet

This fact sheet provides information regarding Transition to Practice (TTP) accredited fellowship posts, including eligibility, time-frames and the approval process for application.

TTP Accredited Fellowship Post Information

- As outlined in the AOA Training Handbook, "Completion of a Transition to Practice Fellowship will be a special arrangement".
- Accredited Fellowship posts will be considered on a case by case basis with consideration for the educational benefit and value for the trainee and needs of the community (e.g rural based, paediatrics, spine) as well as the capacity of the site to support the trainee.
- Only **AOA Accredited Fellowships in Australia** will be considered.
- Preference will be given to positions with a strong link to AOA 21 Training.
- Trainees applying for an Accredited Fellowship post will need to submit their TTP Learning Plan **at least 6 months prior** to expected progression to TTP.
- Trainees presenting to the second sitting of the Fellowship Exam and/or November SRP meeting **will not be eligible** to apply for a Transition to Practice Fellowship Post commencing in February of the following year.
- Approval of TTP Accredited Fellowship Posts will be at the absolute discretion of the relevant Regional Training Committee.
- Where a TTP Accredited Fellowship Post is approved, all other Transition to Practice **Training Program Requirements** (including progress reviews) **will still apply**.

In order to be considered for a TTP Accredited Fellowship Post, trainees must:

- ✓ Have passed the Fellowship Exam
- ✓ Be on track to complete all other training program requirements of Core Orthopaedics
- ✓ Submit and receive approval of their 'Transition to Practice Learning Plan' at least 6 months prior to expected progression to TTP, i.e. prior to the *August Regional Training Committee (RTC) and Stage Review Panel (SRP) Meetings*, as per below approval process.

What should the TTP Learning Plan include?

The TTP Learning Plan must include:

- Details of employment arrangements for the 12-month Transition to Practice period including any time proposed in an AOA accredited Fellowship post.
- A letter of support from the proposed Accredited Fellowship Post Supervisor must accompany the TTP Learning Plan. The letter must confirm that the Department is willing to accept the trainee into their post, the duration of the proposed appointment and the provisions for supervision and completion of mandatory TTP assessment requirements.
- If the post is at an Accredited Training Site, a letter of support must also be provided by the site Director of Training with regard to ensuring a trainee in the post will not have a detrimental effect on training for the accredited training posts.
- An outline of the activities the trainee intends to complete toward achieving the Training Program Requirements for TTP.

How do I Submit My TTP Learning Plan for Approval?

- The TTP Learning Plan and accompanying departmental letter(s), should be forwarded to the relevant RTC prior to the August RTC meeting, via the relevant Regional Manager.
- Regional deadlines should be confirmed in advance with the Regional Manager.
- Approval of the post will be at the discretion of the relevant Regional Training Committee.

Additional information and supporting documents

The TTP Learning Plan is available [here](#).

For further information please contact your AOA Regional Manager or AOA Regional Training Committee Chair.