

## Policy

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To ensure that candidates for RCPA qualifications are exposed to more than one style and philosophy of pathology practice, they are ordinarily limited to spending a maximum of 4 years training in one laboratory. Where the same members of a pathology service/practice supervise geographically separate laboratories, this may be viewed as training undertaken in a single laboratory and may not fulfil the College requirements for employment in a different institution, unless significant differences in practice and supervision can be demonstrated. Training undertaken in a different discipline within that service/practice may be acceptable. Time spent doing pure research at another institution will also not count as a rotation.

RCPA Trainees who are also registered with the Royal Australasian College of Physicians in a joint specialist training program may not complete both their clinical and laboratory training entirely within one service of an institution. Alternative employment may occur either in the laboratory or the clinical component of JSAC training. Change of supervisor to another member of an integrated clinical/laboratory service will not qualify; nor will change to a different geographical site of an integrated service.

For the purposes of this policy, any short-term employment in a different institution must be for a minimum of 2 months unless otherwise approved. This does not preclude sending the candidate to another institution for training in a specific technique or method.

As applications for retrospective waiving of this requirement are unlikely to be granted, any Trainee for whom this ruling is likely to be problematic should contact the Registrar of the Board of Education and Assessment as early as possible in his/her training.

Laboratories seeking accreditation for training will be strongly encouraged to participate in a formal rotation scheme.

Ordinarily, at least two years of the training program must be spent in public laboratories or other public facilities.