

RACGP STANDARDS FOR GENERAL PRACTICES (4TH EDITION) FACT SHEET**TIMELINE OF THE RACGP STANDARDS FOR GENERAL PRACTICES**

The RACGP Standards for General Practices and the associated accreditation process were developed in the 1990's with the long term aim of engaging general practices in an ongoing process of quality improvement.

In 1992, the RACGP established the Standards Reference Group with a grant from the Australian Government. The RACGP *Entry Standards for General Practices* were then developed to provide entry level standards for general practices to meet through a formal accreditation process. In 1996, the RACGP *Entry Level Standards for General Practices* was released.

After receiving feedback from the profession, RACGP's Practice Standards Committee worked with the National Association of Medical Deputising Services to develop the RACGP *Standards for Medical Deputising Services*, to allow the accreditation of Medical Deputising Services. In 1998, the RACGP *Standards for Medical Deputising Services* was released as an appendix to the RACGP *Entry Standards for General Practices*.

In 1999, the RACGP's National Practice Standards Committee conducted a review of the RACGP *Entry Standards for General Practices*, including through further research and feedback from consultation with the profession.

In August 2000, the RACGP *Standards for General Practices* (2nd edition) was released.

In mid 2003, the National Expert Committee on Standards for General Practices commenced a review of the RACGP *Standards for General Practices* (2nd edition). In 2005, after a comprehensive consultation process and testing in the field, the RACGP *Standards for General Practices* (3rd edition) was released.

In July 2007, a revised version of the RACGP *Standards for General Practices* (3rd edition) was released which included supplementary materials for after hours care services, thereby incorporating the RACGP *Standards for Medical Deputising Services* into the RACGP *Standards for General Practices* (3rd edition).

In October 2009, the RACGP National Expert Committee on Standards for General Practices commenced a review of the RACGP *Standards for General Practices* (3rd edition). In October 2012, after a comprehensive consultation process and testing in the field, the RACGP *Standards for General Practices* (4th edition) was released.