



## Update: National Framework for Prevocational Medical Training Implementation timelines

### Key points:

- PGY1 components of the Framework are to be implemented in 2024. PGY2 may be implemented in either 2024 or 2025.
  - The PGY2 components may be implemented across a jurisdiction at the same time or Postgraduate Medical Councils and health services may decide that some health services will implement PGY2 in 2024 and others in 2025.
- The AMC submitted a proposal for a national e-portfolio to the Health Chief Executives Forum (HCEF) in 2021 and has recently received confirmation that Ministers have agreed to proceed with a national approach.
  - A National E-portfolio Project Board (NEPB) has been established to oversee the procurement and development and implementation processes.
  - The AMC is committed to working with the NEPB and stakeholders to progress the project during 2023.
- Given the delay in receiving a decision from HCEF regarding a national e-portfolio, the AMC is enacting the contingency plan for implementation.
  - The key change in the contingency plan is that prevocational doctors will not be required to complete Entrustable Professional Activity (EPA) assessments as part of the formal assessment program in 2024.
  - Midterm and End-of-Term assessments will still need to be undertaken.

### Background

#### *National e-portfolio proposal*

The AMC submitted its proposal for a national e-portfolio to the Health Chief Executives Forum (HCEF) in February 2021.

In 2022, in consultation with stakeholders, the AMC developed a detailed system requirements document to form the basis for procurement.

In January 2023, the AMC was advised that all jurisdictions had agreed to the proposal for a national approach and to commence work on the procurement and development of a national e-portfolio. The NEPB has been established by HCEF to oversee the project and is scheduled to meet for the first time in February 2023.

## ***Implementation timelines***

Following consultation over May to August 2022, the AMC confirmed that PGY2 may be implemented in either 2024 or 2025. The PGY2 components may be implemented across a jurisdiction at the same time or Postgraduate Medical Councils and health services may decide that some health services will implement PGY2 in 2024 and others in 2025.

In the context of delay to the decision on whether a national e-portfolio would be adopted, the AMC developed a contingency roadmap to provide guidance on how implementation timelines may be affected in the event of the delay. The roadmap was informed by engagement with Confederation of Postgraduate Medical Education Councils (CPMEC), and other stakeholders.

The AMC is now enacting the contingency plan for implementation which is provided at **ATTACHMENT 1**. This approach has been developed on the basis that the revisions to Medical Board of Australia's registration standard will progress, as scheduled.

The AMC recognises the benefits and efficiencies of a national e-portfolio and is committed to working with the NEPB to progress the procurement and development of the system during 2023.

## ***What is expected in 2024?***

As illustrated in the roadmap, many components of the Framework can be implemented as planned with a delayed national e-portfolio:

- Term descriptions including assigned clinical experience categories will need to be updated prior to implementation in 2024. Combinations of terms will also need to be revised to ensure that the overall programs meet new framework requirements.
- Midterm and End-of-Term assessments using the revised national assessment form.
- Assessment panels will be mandatory in 2024, the AMC recommends establishing and training panel members in 2023.
- Supervisor training has an extended timeline of three years post-implementation; however, the AMC expects some supervisor briefing on the new framework and the new program and term requirements (reflected in the new registration requirements) that will be implemented in.
- Health services being assessed in 2024 will be accredited against the revised national standards, which include the new and revised Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health-related standards. Health services will be expected to complete a needs analysis to determine what is required to meet revised outcomes and standards and put a plan in place.

## ***Optional activity in 2024***

While EPA assessments will not be a requirement for satisfactory completion of PGY1 in 2024, some health services may choose to rollout some paper-based EPA assessments in 2023 and 2024 to increase opportunities developmental feedback.

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**ATTACHMENT 1:** Updated National Framework Implementation Roadmap

**ATTACHMENT 2:** What is expected in 2024?