

PREVOCATIONAL TRAINING PROVIDER ALLOCATION STATUS POLICY



POLICY 1.3

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CONTEXT

Prevocational training providers play an important role in ensuring PGY1 and PGY2 doctors gain the clinical experience required to meet the national framework for medical registration and training requirements.

For PGY1 doctors training must support eligibility for unrestricted general registration with the Medical Board of Australia. For PGY2 doctors training must meet the requirements for completion of prevocational training and exemption from additional continuing professional development requirements needed to obtain a Certificate of Completion.

To ensure training providers are appropriately recognised and supported it is important to distinguish between providers based on their capacity to deliver prevocational training. This enables the Accrediting Authority to:

1. Identify training providers that can deliver all compulsory intern terms.
2. Provide guidance on the requirements for different accreditation categories including:
 - **Primary Accreditation status**, and
 - **Secondment/Offsite Accreditation status**.

This approach helps ensure prevocational doctors have access to the clinical experiences necessary to achieve their training and registration requirements.

SCOPE

This policy relates to prevocational training providers who deliver prevocational training programs to PGY1 and PGY2 doctors. A full survey must be undertaken prior to a decision about the status level.

POLICY STATEMENT

Primary allocation status is awarded when a prevocational training provider offers all training requirements for PGY1 registration as outlined in the Medical Board of Australia's registration standards: continuing professional development can be provided and the provider meets the national standards and requirements for prevocational (PGY1 and PGY2) training programs and terms.

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Offsite Allocations

1. Secondment/offsite allocation status is available to prevocational training providers which cannot provide all training requirements but can offer either one or more accredited terms.
2. Secondment/offsite allocation status may apply to a single hospital, general practice, community or other placement.

PGY1 Requirements

1. Interns (PGY1) are required to complete a minimum of 4 terms of at least 10 weeks with a maximum of 25% in any one subspecialty and a maximum of 50% in any one specialty (including its subspecialties) a maximum of 20% in a service team and at least 50% being part of a clinical team.
2. PGY1s must have exposure to the four clinical experience categories:
 - a. *Undifferentiated illness care*
 - b. *Chronic illness care*
 - c. *Acute and critical illness care*
 - d. *Peri-operative/procedural care*
3. A range of other approved terms to make up 12 months (minimum of 47 weeks full time equivalent service).
4. Complete the assessment requirements that consist of:
 - a. Training term assessments: mid-term and final term for each training term.
 - b. Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs): at least 2 per training term and at least 10 over the PGY1 year.

Primary allocation status applies to a single prevocational training provider (which may have one or more campuses).

PGY2 Requirements

PGY2 is designed to continue broad generalist experience. Under the national framework PGY2s are required to:

1. Complete a minimum of 3 terms of 10 weeks to 6 months in different subspecialties (maximum 25%) that provide exposure to:
 - a. *Undifferentiated illness care*
 - b. *Chronic illness care*
 - c. *Acute and critical illness care*
2. A minimum of 50% of PGY2 must be spent attached to a clinical team and a maximum of 25% of the year can be spent in service terms. Maximum 1 term not in direct clinical care.
3. A range of other approved terms to make up 12 months (minimum of 47 weeks full time equivalent service).

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Prevocational doctors completing an accredited PGY1 or PGY2 program are exempt from the Medical Board of Australia's continuing professional development (CPD) requirements and are not required to nominate a CPD home.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

The Medical Board of Australia registration standard on granting general registration to Australian and New Zealand medical graduates on completion of internship (PGY1) and certificate of completion for PGY2.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES/KPI

1. 100% of facilities with primary allocation status are capable of providing training requirements to obtain unrestricted general registration and certificate of completion as evidenced by copies of term allocation lists for prevocational doctors.

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