

The Prevocational Standards Accreditation Committee

Terms of reference

The Prevocational Standards Accreditation Committee (PreVAC) oversees the AMC's role in setting standards for elements of the prevocational phase of the medical education continuum. These responsibilities relate to setting and assessing that the following standards are met:

- standards for the first postgraduate year, the internship, that must be completed for graduates of Australian and New Zealand medical programs accredited by the AMC and approved by the Medical Board of Australia to be eligible for general registration, and
- standards for processes provided by other organisations to assess the performance of international medical graduates seeking to practise medicine in Australia, such as workplace-based assessment and pre-employment structured clinical interviews.

The AMC's responsibilities do not include setting standards for the period of supervised practice completed by international medical graduates (IMGs) with limited registration in the medical profession. These are set by the Medical Board of Australia's standard, *Limited registration for postgraduate training or supervised practice registration standard*.

Reporting to AMC Directors, the Committee:

- (i) advises the AMC on guidelines, policy and procedures. It:
 - considers feedback after each review or accreditation assessment;
 - periodically reviews the procedures used by the AMC to conduct accreditation assessments and reviews;
 - recommends review of the standards and guidelines that form the national framework for intern training accreditation and the terms of reference and scope of such reviews;
- (ii) oversees the AMC assessment and review of intern training accreditation authorities. It:
 - appoints AMC assessment teams;
 - make recommendations to the Directors on the performance of intern training accreditation authorities against *Intern Training: Domains for Assessing Accreditation Authorities*;
 - monitors the continuing compliance of approved intern training accreditation authorities with approved standards and national framework requirements;
 - contributes to and advises the AMC on national and international developments and discussions concerning medical education;
 - sponsors and undertakes activities that promote improvement in medical education;
- (iii) sets an annual program of activities and reports to each general meeting of the Council on its activities.

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Membership

- Chair appointed by AMC Directors
- A current or former member of the Medical School Accreditation Committee who is an experienced AMC accreditor, appointed following expressions of interest
- A nominee of the Chair of the AMC Assessment Committee, who is a member of that Committee
- Two members appointed on the nomination of the Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council, providing experience as health service managers in a mix of settings and health policy expertise
- Two nominees of the Confederation of Postgraduate Medical Education Councils, drawn from the member PMCs
- One community member appointed following expressions of interest
- Two junior doctors either in intern training or within two years of having completed internship, one being an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander person
- One Executive Director of Medical Services or equivalent appointed following expressions of interest
- One International Medical Graduate who has been granted general registration following completion of the workplace-based assessment process appointed following expressions of interest
- A Director of Clinical Training, Supervisor of Intern Training or equivalent appointed following expressions of interest
- The AMC Directors may appoint additional technical experts, with expertise in medical education and / or assessment on the recommendation of the Committee