



# Review of the National Framework for Prevocational Medical Training

## Part 1 Consultation paper: Review and development work

The Australian Medical Council (AMC) is currently developing a two-year framework for prevocational (PGY1 and PGY2) medical training. This builds on the existing Framework for Internship. The point of general registration will remain at the end of PGY1. The review combines the following:

1. The review of the National Framework for Medical Internship, which in 2014 replaced state-based internship requirements and complemented new national registration requirements of the Medical Board of Australia.
2. The development of a two-year Capability and Performance Framework, Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) and specifications for an e-portfolio, on behalf of the previous Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council (AHMAC). This work arose from Health Ministers' 2018 response to the 2015 Review of Medical Intern Training.

This consultation seeks feedback on the next phase of review and development work. This paper provides an overview of the review process. **Part 2: Consultation questions** provides a description of concepts for consultation and a template of questions for feedback.







### Review process: Where is the review up to?

The AMC's review process will include multiple opportunities for stakeholders to engage. A summary of the review process, status and development work is provided below. A detailed timeline of the review is available on [the website](#).



**Phase 1:** After scoping & evaluation, the AMC confirmed the [scope](#). In 2020 the AMC commenced **Phase 2**, formally consulting on the first package of work in November. The AMC received over 50 written responses. Feedback was broadly supportive. The detailed feedback has been considered in the next phase of review and development work.

**Transition and implementation:** The timeline has been revised, 2022 will be a year of transition and 2023 the start of implementation. A summary of the proposed revised two-year framework is provided below.

 <p><b>Training &amp; Assessment</b> Outcomes and assessment - prevocational doctors</p>	<p><b>Training</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Capabilities of the doctor - outcome statements (revised)</li> <li>• Characteristics of the work - entrustable professional activities (new)</li> </ul> <p><b>Assessment</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback and observation - assessment of EPAs *new)</li> <li>• Mid/end term assessment - revised</li> <li>• Global judgement - end of year by panel (new)</li> <li>• Remediation (strengthened)</li> </ul>	 <p>E-portfolio</p>
 <p><b>Training environment</b> Requirements for programs and terms</p>	<p><b>National standards for prevocational programs</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Describe accreditation requirements for prevocational programs and terms (revised, including expansion to PGY2)</li> <li>• Guidelines for terms (revised to increase flexibility and focus on outcomes rather than settings)</li> </ul>	
 <p><b>Quality assurance</b> AMC accreditation of PMCs</p>	<p><b>Domains &amp; procedures for AMC accreditation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Standards and procedures for assessing postgraduate medical councils (minor revisions)</li> </ul>	



## Concepts for consultation

The following section provides a summary of key review and development work for consultation in March – April.

Training and assessment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Outcome statements</u> - revised document consulted on in 2020. Minor wording changes made in response to consultation.</li> <li>2. <u>Entrustable professional activities (EPAs)</u> - Draft revised document consulted on in 2020. Stakeholder feedback supportive, confirmed describe the key work of PGY1/PGY2 doctors. Minor wording changes made in response to consultation.</li> <li>3. <u>Assessment process</u> - Draft revised document, concepts consulted on in 2020. Further detail added and changes to certifying completion and remediation processes.</li> <li>4. <u>EPA assessment form</u> - Newly developed. First consultation on form in 2021.</li> <li>5. <u>Term assessment form</u> - Revised version of current mid/end of term assessment for. First consultation on changes in 2021.</li> </ol>
Training environment	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>National standards for prevocational programs</u> - Draft revised document, concepts consulted on in 2020. Changes made to the standards.</li> <li>2. <u>Guidelines and requirements for programs and terms</u> - Draft revised document, concepts consulted on in 2020. Consulting on new draft parameters to replace mandatory term requirements.</li> </ol>
Quality assurance	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>Domains and procedures for AMC accreditation of prevocational accreditation authorities</u> - Concepts for change proposed. New for consultation in 2021.</li> </ol>
E-portfolio specifications	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <u>High-level specifications</u> – Draft document consulted on in 2020. Further detail added.</li> </ol>



## Tell us what you think

We would like to hear your perspectives on the review and development work to date. We will consider all the feedback we receive when shaping our proposals for change.

The AMC's primary responsibility is to ensure that standards of education, training and assessment of the medical profession promote and protect the health of the Australian community, and the final content of the National Framework must reflect this.

We have provided a summary of the development and questions for each major component of the National Framework in the attached document **Part 2: Consultation questions**.

We are seeking feedback by **30 April 2021**.

To enable efficient evaluation of the feedback our preference is for responses to be provided in a **Word document** using the **attached template** to [prevac@amc.org.au](mailto:prevac@amc.org.au). If this is not possible, please provide a non-protected PDF.



## How can I engage in the review?

The AMC will follow its standard consultation process for the review of accreditation standards. It will include a range of opportunities for seeking feedback, including:

- Formal six-week consultation: Consultation documentation sent to key stakeholders requesting feedback.
- Workshop sessions: Small group (Zoom) workshops will be held with relevant and interested stakeholder groups.
- Presentations to key stakeholder groups: The AMC will continue to organise opportunities for presentation and discussion with key stakeholder groups.
- Webinar: The AMC will be holding and recording webinar session/s on the components for consultation.

If you are interested in organising an opportunity to discuss the review please register your [interest here](#).