



Review of the National Framework for Prevocational Medical Training

Part 1 Consultation paper: Review and development work



This is the third and final consultation of Phase 2: Review, Development and Testing. Near final content is presented for confirmation.

The Australian Medical Council (AMC) is developing a two-year framework for prevocational (PGY1 and PGY2) medical training. 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 Health Chief Executives Forum (previously Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council). This work arose from Health Ministers' 2018 response to the 2015 Review of Medical Intern Training.

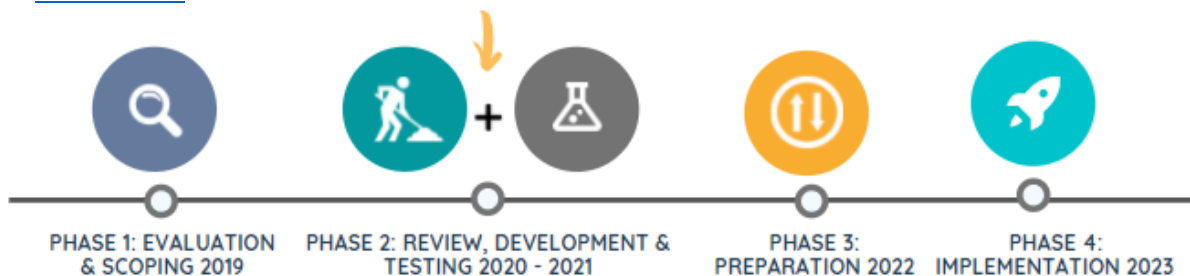
The point of change to general registration will remain at the end of PGY1. The expansion to PGY2 is intended to provide better support and structure around that year, while continuing the flexibility to enter specialist training.

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?

A summary of the review process, status and development work is provided below. A detailed timeline of the review is available on [the website](#).



The AMC is nearing completion of Phase 2: Review, Development and Testing. This is the third and final formal consultation period to finalise the content of the Framework. Final documents are expected to be released in early 2022. Feedback is also sought on plans for Phase 3: Preparation and Phase 4: Implementation. A summary of the proposed revised two-year framework is provided below.

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



The following section provides a summary of key review and development work for consultation in August - September 2021.

<p>Training assessment and</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Outcome statements</u> - Draft revised document consulted on in September – November 2020 and March – April 2021. This draft includes feedback and changes made in response to previous consultations as well as new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health outcomes. 2. <u>Entrustable professional activities (EPAs)</u> - Draft document consulted on in September – November 2020 and March – April 2021. This draft includes feedback and changes made in response to previous consultation and new behaviour descriptors related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander patients. 3. <u>Record of learning</u> - Draft outline consulted on in March – April 2021. No new major changes. 4. <u>Assessment process</u> - Draft revised document consulted on in March – April 2021. This draft includes feedback and changes made in response to previous consultation, as well as processes for assessing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander outcomes. 5. <u>Term assessment form</u> - Initial revisions were included in the March-April 2021 consultation. This draft includes changes made in response to feedback in the previous consultation and has no new major changes. 6. <u>EPA assessment form</u> - First draft was included in the March-April 2021 consultation. This draft includes changes made in response to feedback in the previous consultation and has no new major changes.
<p>Training environment</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>National standards for prevocational programs</u> - Proposed changes to the standards were consulted on in November 2020 and April 2021. Further minor wording changes have been made based on responses to the April consultation and new standards related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Health and doctors have been included. 2. <u>Requirements and guidelines for programs and terms</u> (previously Intern Training – Guidelines for Terms). Proposed changes were consulted on in November 2020 and April 2021. Further detail has been added and a number of structural and content changes have been made, based on responses to the April consultation.
<p>Quality assurance</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Domains for AMC accreditation of prevocational accreditation authorities</u> - Concepts for change were consulted on in March – April 2021. This draft includes feedback and changes made in response to previous consultation, including a new proposed Domain, “Purpose”. 2. <u>Procedures for AMC accreditation of prevocational accreditation authorities</u> - Concepts for change were consulted on in March – April 2021. This draft has no major changes on the basis of that consultation.
<p>E-portfolio specifications</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>High-level specifications</u> – Draft document consulted on in September – November 2020 and March – April 2021. This draft includes minor changes made in response to previous consultations.
<p>Phase 3: Preparation and Phase 4: Implementation</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>Preparation (2022)</u> – New to consultation. This consultation includes a proposal for a staged communication and resource development plan for 2021 and 2022. 2. <u>Implementation (2023)</u> – New to consultation. This consultation includes a proposal for phased implementation of revised Framework components in 2023, 2024 and beyond.



Tell us what you think

We would like to confirm the final content and direction with you. We will consider all the feedback we receive when confirming the documents.

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 **28 September 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. 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:

- Final formal four-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](#).