

Review of the National Framework for Prevocational (PGY1 and PGY2) Medical Training

Update What is next? Update on progress and the next phases of the review



The Framework documents are undergoing their final approval processes. The AMC is expecting to release the final documents in early June 2022 and has commenced Phase 3: Preparation (2022-2023), which will include development of resources and communication in preparation for Phase 4: Implementation (from 2024).

The Australian Medical Council (AMC) is developing a two year Framework for prevocational (PGY1 and PGY2) medical training. This paper provides an update on the status of the National Framework for Prevocational (PGY1 and PGY2) Medical Training Review and plans for communication and resources to support implementation of the new Framework.

The review combines:

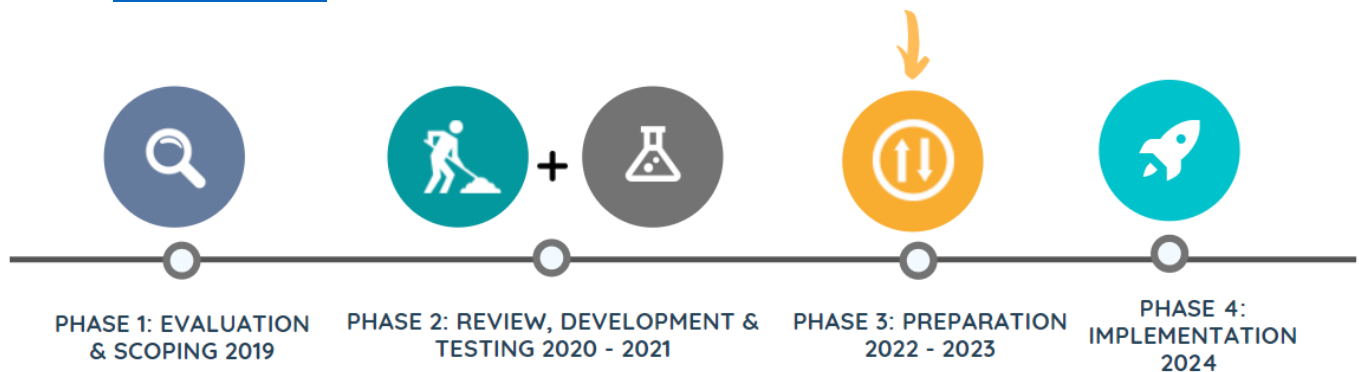
1. A review of the National Framework for Medical Internship, which in 2014 replaced state-based internship requirements and complemented new national registration requirements of the Medical Board of Australia.
2. Development of a two-year Capability and Performance Framework, Entrustable Professional Activities (EPAs) and specifications for an e-portfolio, on behalf of the Health Chief Executives Forum (HCEF, previously Australian Health Ministers' Advisory Council (AHMAC)). This work arose from Health Ministers' 2018 response to the 2015 Council of Australian Governments (COAG) Review of Medical Intern Training. The AMC was tasked with this work in April 2020.

As summarised in the diagram below, **the point of change to general registration will remain at the end of PGY1.** Expansion to PGY2 is intended to provide better support and structure for that year, while maintaining the flexibility to enter specialist training.



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 at [the AMC website](#).





Finalising Phase 2: Review and development work (2020-2021)

The AMC has completed Phase 2: Review, Development and Testing. **The documents are undergoing final approval processes and are intended to be released in June 2022.** No major changes are expected after the third and final consultation in September 2021. The AMC would like to thank all those who have contributed to the consultation processes through written consultation responses, attendance at a workshop or participation in a trial.



Phase 3: Preparation for implementation (2022-2023)

The AMC has commenced Phase 3: Preparation for implementation (2022-2023). In 2022 the review will focus on communicating and developing national guides and training material to support implementation, as well as developing a process for certification of PGY2 and the detailed specifications for an e-portfolio. High-level plans and timelines for Phase 3, including resource development, were included in the September 2021 consultation. A summary of key activities in Phase 3 provided below:

1. Guide to preparation activities

The AMC has developed a summary of possible preparation activities for stakeholders in 2022-2023 to assist the system in planning for implementation. The summary is provided at **ATTACHMENT 1**. The AMC will continue working closely with key stakeholders during this time.

2. Resources

In line with feedback from previous consultations, the AMC is planning to develop the following resources to support implementation:

Communication packages	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update on progress (Presentation slides at ATTACHMENT 2) 2. Final presentation material - with final documents 	<p>May 22</p> <p>June 22</p>
Recorded sessions webinar	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Summary of overall changes 2. Training & assessment changes 3. Training environment (changes to standards and requirements) 	June – July 22
Written guides	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Training & assessment (for health services, supervisors and prevocational doctors) 2. Guide for PGY1/PGY2 (revision of current Guide for Interns) 3. Resource to support the new Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander content 4. E-portfolio (TBC – late 2022) 	August – September 22
Videos	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Summary of overall changes 2. Training & assessment including: overall changes, supervisor training on EPAs, assessment panel information. 3. Training environment - changes to terms 4. E-portfolio (TBC) 	Late 2022

3. Communication

The AMC acknowledges there will be a number of shared responsibilities for preparation and communication across 2022 and 2023. It is anticipated that state and territory level communication and change management will be led by the postgraduate medical councils (PMCs) as they have the expertise and relationships to work closely with their stakeholders and can contextualise the changes to their environments. The AMC intends to continue its work and communication at a national level and will work with the PMCs to provide support as required.

4. PGY2 certification process

Recommendation 3 of the COAG Review of Medical Intern Training proposed a certificate of completion of PGY2, auspiced by the Australian Medical Council. The AMC has forwarded a submission to the HCEF seeking approval for

the AMC to develop a detailed process for certification. If approved, this will form part of the AMC's work for 2022 and stakeholders will be consulted and updated during the year.

5. E-portfolio development

The AMC submitted a proposal to the HCEF in early 2021 seeking approval to develop a national e-portfolio and governance and funding models to support development, implementation and ongoing maintenance of the e-portfolio. A decision on the e-portfolio has been delayed by changes in governance structures and the impact of COVID-19. The AMC is expecting a response in mid-2022. The AMC has consulted widely on high level specifications for the e-portfolio and has commenced work on developing detailed requirements. It is recognised that implementation timelines are dependent on the delivery of the e-portfolio.



Phase 4 Implementation (from 2024)

Implementation of the Framework is planned from 2024. The implementation date was adjusted in response to stakeholder feedback. The AMC recognizes that implementation needs to be incremental and flexible and this will be an area for continued engagement and consultation with stakeholders. The AMC has developed draft milestones for implementation from 2024 based on previous consultation and feedback - see **ATTACHMENT 3**.

It is expected that the transition in 2024 will allow some flexibility but that the new assessment, program/term and accreditation requirements will be in place for at least PGY1. The AMC will be conducting targeted consultation with key stakeholders, including PMCs, in April-May 2022 regarding the timing of implementation for PGY2.

The AMC will be conducting targeted consultation with key stakeholders (including postgraduate medical councils, health services, doctors in training and medical students) on implementation plans, particularly milestones for 2023 and 2024, and the timing of implementation of PGY2. The AMC welcomes feedback on the draft implementation plan.



How can I engage in the review?

The AMC review will continue to offer a range of opportunities for feedback, including:

- Documentation: Circulation of approved Framework documents to stakeholders.
- Workshop sessions: Small group (mostly virtual) workshops with relevant stakeholder groups.
- Presentations to key stakeholder groups: Please contact the AMC if you would like a presentation or discussion with your stakeholder group.
- Webinars: Webinar sessions on various components of the review will be held throughout 2022 and 2023 and uploaded for later viewing.

If you are interested in organising an opportunity for your group to discuss the AMC's Review of Prevocational Medical Training please register at: [interest here](#). If you have any general queries regarding the Review, please email prevac@amc.org.au.