

PGY2 certification process

Information for PMCs, health services and prevocational doctors

Background

In August 2024, the Health Chief Executives Forum (HCEF) appointed the Australian Medical Council (AMC) to approve Prevocational Training Accreditation Authorities (Postgraduate Medical Councils) to accredit the second postgraduate training year and for the AMC to issue the certificate of completion for the second postgraduate year. NSW and ACT commenced implementation of the new Framework for PGY2 doctors in 2024, while the remaining jurisdictions commenced in 2025.

The process for issuing PGY2 certificates

The AMC will continue to use the AMC portal to generate and distribute certificates for doctors who will complete their PGY2 year in ~February 2026.

The AMC will generate temporary links to the PGY2 certificates and enable health services to access them so that they can issue them to the relevant eligible PGY2 doctors. The AMC will not directly contact the awarded PGY2 Doctor when issuing a certificate; the health service will be responsible for issuing the certificate to the PGY2 Doctor.

The AMC will not be able to check the accuracy of the data provided by the health services and will rely on the health service-provided information as the source of truth.

Please see the attached Frequently Asked Questions for further details.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. What is the certificate of completion of PGY2?

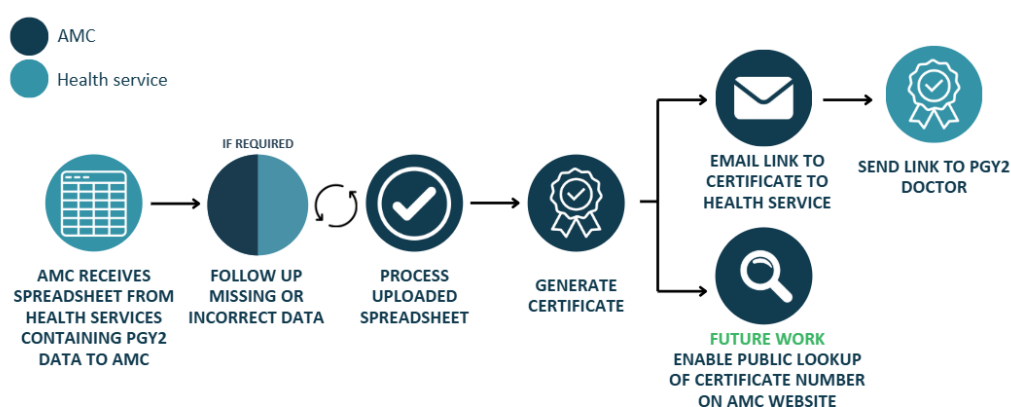
The certificate of completion of PGY2, indicates a prevocational doctor has completed a structured year of generalist practice and met the training and assessment requirements as described in the National Framework.

2. When will the PGY2 certification process be implemented?

Health services and jurisdictions were required to implement the National Framework for PGY2 from 2025. (ACT and NSW implemented the framework both PGY1 and PGY2 in 2024).

3. What is the PGY2 certification process?

The certificate process involves health services gathering and providing relevant information to the AMC for eligible PGY2 doctors. The AMC then generates certificates for PGY2 doctors and enables health services to issue them to the eligible PGY2 Doctors.



4. What data is collected/listed on the PGY2 certificate?

Once an assessment review panel has determined a doctor has successfully completed PGY2, they have met all the requirements listed on pages 35 and 36 of [Training environment – National standards and requirements for prevocational \(PGY1 and PGY2\) training programs and terms](#) related to:

- Program length
- Program structure
- Program content – clinical experiences
- Clinical teams
- Service terms – relief and nights

Therefore, only a simple high-level certificate needs to be provided. Data that needs to be stored on the certificate of completion of PGY2, is as follows:

- Ahpra number
- Date awarded
- PGY2 doctor name

Other data required includes date PGY2 requirements were completed, name of health service and contact email for distribution purposes.

Note: The AMC will not be able to check the accuracy of the data provided and will rely on the health service-provided information as the source of truth.

5. How will PGY2s gain access to their certificate? How long will they have this access for?

The AMC will generate temporary links, valid for seven (7) days, to the PGY2 certificates and enable health services to access them, allowing them to issue the certificates to the relevant eligible PGY2 doctors.

Note: The AMC will not directly contact the awarded PGY2 doctor when issuing a certificate; the health service will be responsible for issuing the certificate to the PGY2 doctor

6. How will PGY2 certificates be verified?

The AMC will provide a searchable list on its website web for individual certificate verification. In the interim, the AMC can provide verification of PGY2 certificates via PGY2cert@amc.org.au

7. What organisations might ask for or require a PGY2 certificate?

While the certificate of completion is not an entry requirement, specialist medical colleges *may* ask you to provide the certificate as part of your application to specialist training programs.

Health services *may* look upon the PGY2 certificate favourably when making employment decisions in PGY3+ positions.

8. Does the PGY2 certificate have any effect on registration?

The point of general registration remains at the end of PGY1. The certificate of completion of PGY2 does not impact a doctor's registration status.

9. Does the PGY2 certificate have any effect on the Medical Board of Australia's CPD requirements?

As a PGY2 participating in a formal PGY2 training program accredited by your State or Territory postgraduate medical council (or equivalent), that leads to a certificate of completion, you do not need to enrol with a CPD home or do CPD. You will be deemed to have met the standard for CPD by participating in your PGY2 position and any associated education.

10. Will doctors who completed PGY2 in 2023 receive a PGY2 certificate? Will there be a back date for certificates?

No, PGY2 doctors are only eligible to receive a certificate of completion once the state or territory they work in has commenced implementation of PGY2. See question 2 for details.

11. Is the PGY2 certificate the same as the AMC certificate?

No, the AMC Certificate is issued to international medical graduates upon completion of the assessment process for the standard pathway assessment (AMC Clinical Exam or AMC Workplace Based Assessment) to registration with the Medical Board of Australia.

As described in question 1, the certificate of completion of PGY2, indicates a prevocational doctor has completed a structured year of generalist practice and met the training and assessment requirements as described in the National Framework.

12. Is the PGY2 Certificate the same in every state or territory?

Yes, the certificate of completion indicates a prevocational doctor has completed a structured year of generalist practice and met the training and assessment requirements as described in the National Framework, regardless of which state or territory they work in.

13. Will the AMC have any role in appeals?

In certifying completion, the AMC is relying on the accreditation processes it undertakes for Prevocational Training Accreditation Authorities (state and territory based Postgraduate Medical Councils), it would not be making decisions about individual doctors and therefore there would be no appeals mechanism to the AMC; any appeals must be addressed locally.

14. Will the AMC have a role in addressing other prevocational doctor requests?

Future requests for re-issuing certificates or requests for records of experiences must be addressed locally by a health service.

15. In general, what information does the AMC store and for how long?

The AMC collects, stores and uses information for a variety of business purposes supporting AMC's business activities. Some aggregated information may be used for statistical or reporting purposes. AMC protects information according to the AMC Records Authority that covers the duration of retention periods and any approved disposal action. Further information on the AMC Records Authority may be requested from the AMC Records Manager.

16. How long does the AMC store my PGY2 certificate data?

All certificate-related metadata records are managed by the AMC and retained for 25 Years after the last action.

17. How is my information protected?

AMC deploys cyber security intrusion protection and detection mechanisms to ensure unauthorised access is denied. Additionally, the AMC keeps information secure and protected by having strong access controls and policies to restrict unauthorised access and ensure user access is directly related to the functions of the AMC. The AMC Privacy Policy covers why the AMC collects, holds uses personal information and is published on the AMC website.