

Australian Medical Council and Medical Board of Australia 2018 Preparedness for Internship Survey FAQs

The Preparedness for Internship Survey was first run in 2017. The survey was designed to find out how well interns felt their medical school course had prepared them for internship and, using the AMC's and the Medical Board's standards setting and accreditation roles, to improve how medical schools prepare graduates for internship. Feedback on the 2017 survey has been positive. Medical schools have reported making changes in response to feedback from their graduates and, in some areas, medical schools and those responsible for intern training have come together to discuss how to better support the transition from medical school to internship.

What is the Preparedness for Internship Survey?

- It is online, voluntary and anonymous.
- It is a joint effort from the AMC and the Medical Board, supported by AHPRA, with safeguards to protect privacy and confidentiality.
- An invitation will be emailed to all interns in Australia in late August 2018 and open for two weeks.
- It should be completed by interns who graduated from an Australian medical school.
- It is quick to complete – less than 10 minutes.
- It is designed to help the agencies responsible for medical training support graduates to transition to the workplace.

What confidentiality safeguards are in place?

- AHPRA is sending the emails to interns to satisfy privacy and confidentiality regulations. The first email will tell interns about the survey and why it is being done and the second will contain a link to the survey.
- The link is one-use only. It will stop working when interns have completed the survey and is untraceable by the Medical Board, AHPRA or the AMC.
- The unique survey link is randomly generated and unconnected to identifying information held by AHPRA or the Medical Board.
- The AMC is analysing the data.
- Because the survey invitation emails will be sent by AHPRA and anonymous responses held by the AMC neither organisation can link a survey response to an individual.

How will the survey results be used?

- De-identified, aggregated reports will be published on the AMC's and the Medical Board's websites.
- The AMC will share de-identified survey results with medical schools and post-graduate medical councils to allow them to benchmark local results.
- Survey outcomes will inform the review of the standards for medical school programs and for intern training accreditation authorities.