

Review of the National Framework for Prevocational Medical Training

Update Confirming Review status and preparation and implementation timelines.



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This paper provides an update on the status of the National Framework for Prevocational Medical Training Review and confirms changes to timelines for Phase 3: Preparation and Phase 4: Implementation.

The Australian Medical Council (AMC) is developing a two-year framework for prevocational (PGY1 and PGY2) medical training. The review combines the following:

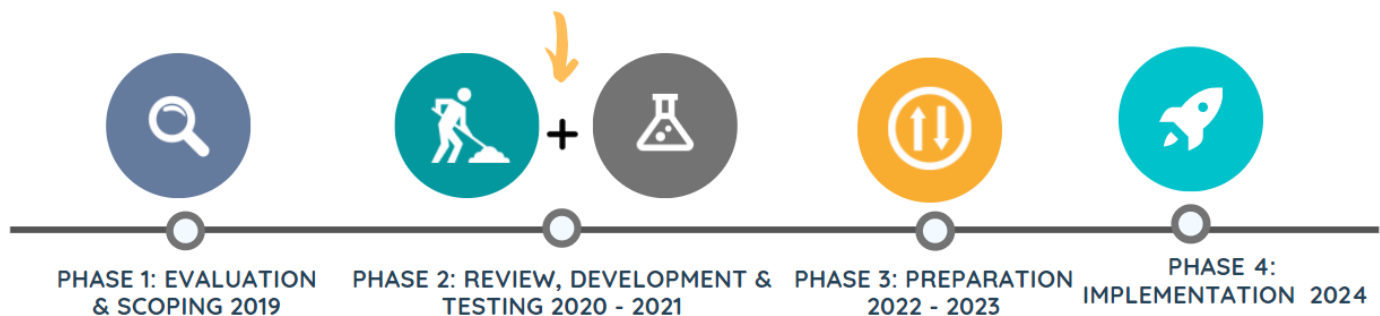
1. The review of the National Framework for Medical Internship, which in 2014 replaced state-based internship requirements and complemented new national registration requirements of the Medical Board of Australia.
2. The development of a two-year Capability and Performance Framework, Entrustable Professional 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.



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](#).



Finalising Phase 2: Review and development work

The AMC is nearing completion of Phase 2: Review, Development and Testing. The final Framework documents will be released in early 2022. No further 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 to date through written consultation responses, attendance at a workshop or participation in a trial.



Phase 3: Preparation and Phase 4: Implementation

High-level plans and timelines for Phase 3: Preparation and Phase 4: Implementation were included in the August – September 2021 consultation. The AMC has reviewed all stakeholder feedback and acknowledges that there has been increased pressure on health services throughout 2021 due to recent Delta variant outbreaks of COVID-19, as

well as strong feedback that the e-portfolio is important to implementation. On the basis of stakeholder feedback, the AMC has agreed to:

- A **change to the start of implementation from 2023 to 2024** for PGY1. There will be targeted consultation in 2022 about the timing of the introduction of the PGY2 component of the framework.
- The **option for early adopters** to commence changes in 2023 (noting that the current Medical Board of Australia general registration standard will continue to apply during 2023)
- The inclusion of **clear milestones for PMCs and training providers (health services) in 2022 and 2023** for reporting on planning and progress towards implementation.

In 2022 the AMC will also be developing national guidelines and training material to support implementation. An outline was proposed in the August – September 2021 consultation. The AMC will be communicating detailed implementation and resource development plans in early 2022 in consultation with stakeholders.



How can I engage in the review?

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

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

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