

National Framework for Prevocational Medical Training

Newsletter
Issue 5

Welcome

Welcome to the fifth issue of National Framework newsletter for NSW.

A word from the PAC Chair

As the Chair of the Prevocational Accreditation Committee, I am delighted to share with you some significant updates regarding the accreditation process for prevocational training providers. There will be 15 accreditation surveys conducted throughout 2024, where training providers will be accredited under the National Standards. On review of the NSW Prevocational Accreditation Standards against the new National Standards, it revealed that further evidence items would be required to demonstrate training providers meet each element of the National Standards being assessed at survey.



During the transition, we recognise that adapting to the National Standards may pose some challenges. Therefore, we have instituted a transitional period to facilitate a smooth and seamless process for all training providers. During this phase, our aim is to support you in implementing the necessary changes and adjustments required to meet the National Standards.

Additionally, to gauge the progress of this transition and ensure transparency, we have introduced a dedicated section in the annual reports of training providers. This section will serve as a platform for you to provide updates on your hospital's implementation of the National Standards.

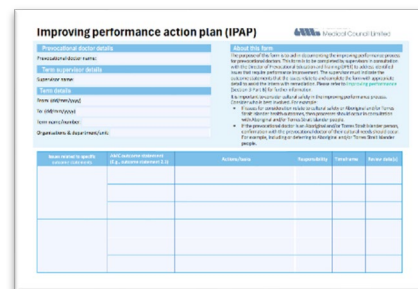
On behalf of the PAC and HETI, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all training providers for completing the run of terms for 2024 preparatory activity. Your efforts have played a vital role in laying the groundwork for this transition to the new training program requirements.

Dr Roslyn Crampton, Chair of the Prevocational Accreditation Committee

Latest from the AMC

The AMC have selected a vendor for the development of an ePortfolio to support the implementation of the National Framework. Announcement of the vendor will follow.

An updated version of the [Improving performance action plan \(IPAP\)](#) has also been released. HETI has distributed this resource to NSW DPETs and JMO Managers.



What is happening in NSW?

Supervisor training – Module 1

The AMC in collaboration with PMCV has released the supervisor training resources to support supervisor training. Supervisor training is required to be completed within 3 years from implementation in 2024. HETI is customising the supervisor training modules and resources for the NSW context and these will be made available through MyHealthLearning when finalised.

DPET Resources

Additional resources were developed and distributed to support DPETs in communicating the National Framework requirements to incoming 2024 Interns and to term supervisors.

NSW Prevocational trainee term assessment form

HETI has distributed the updated term assessment form to all DPETs and JMO managers in NSW.

This customised form is available on the [HETI website here](#) under the relevant resources for DPETs, Term Supervisors and JMO Managers.

Drop-in sessions for 2023 and 2024 Interns

HETI held 4 drop in sessions in December 2023 to provide an opportunity for 2023 and 2024 interns to learn more about the National Framework. The sessions were well attended with over 380 attendees over the 4 sessions.

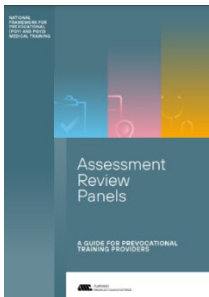
An overview of the National Framework was delivered to participants and opportunity provided to respond to any questions from the two cohorts.



Review of term allocations – preparatory activity

The Chair of the Prevocational Accreditation Committee (PAC) has written to all training providers regarding the 2024 term allocation review. This body of work is now completed and thank you to all training providers for their submissions to the PAC.

Assessment Review Panel (ARP)



The PAC and PVTC Chairs recently sent correspondence to training providers on the requirement of establishing an ARP. A suggested terms of reference was distributed and training providers were asked to submit their terms of reference and proposed ARP membership by 30 March 2024.

The AMC Guide to Assessment Review Panels, is also available on the AMC [website here](#).

Spotlight – Standard 3 The prevocational training program - delivery

National Standard 3 outlines the delivery of prevocational training programs. It requires that training providers have appropriate facilities, infrastructure, systems and processes in place to support the delivery of high-quality workplace teaching, training and education. The training programs are required to provide opportunities to prevocational doctors to develop their clinical skills and knowledge through a range of clinical experiences. This standard also emphasises the importance of ensuring supervisors are supported by providing opportunities for training and development to fulfil their role and responsibilities.



Standard 3 criteria

Standard 3 comprises six criteria:

- work-based teaching and training
- supervisors and assessors – attributes, roles and responsibilities
- supervisor training and support
- formal education program
- facilities
- ePortfolio (due 2025).

Some examples of the types of evidence for accreditation surveys that support this standard include:

- term descriptions and term allocations
- hospital and term orientation programs
- supervisor position descriptions and training records
- photos of the training provider physical amenities and accommodation
- clinical handover procedures and process
- formal education program.

Frequently Asked Questions

The purpose of this section is to share responses to frequently asked questions submitted to our dedicated National Framework email.

Please email any further questions to HETI-NationalFramework@health.nsw.gov.au

Q: Are prevocational trainees required to pass a completed term?

No. At the end of each year the health service's Assessment Review Panel will make a global judgement on whether a trainee has reached the required standard and achieved all the Prevocational Outcome Statements by the end of the year. The panel will review each term assessment but there is no requirement to 'pass' a minimum number of terms.

Q: How will General Registration be granted?

General Registration will continue to be granted by the Medical Board of Australia after satisfactory completion of an accredited PGY1 (intern) year. The decision to progress in training from provisional to general registration will be informed by recommendations of the training providers' Assessment Review Panel.

Q: As a PGY2, do I need to complete 4 terms or 5 terms?

PGY2 trainees need to complete a minimum of 47 weeks of training to be considered for a Certificate of Completion by the training providers' Assessment Review Panel (ARP). In NSW all PGY2s are allocated five terms.

Completed terms must also meet the National Framework training program requirements. For more information please review this flyer distributed to training providers.

Other useful resources

- [Guide to Prevocational Training in Australia – for PGY1 and PGY2 Doctors](#)
- [Guide to Prevocational Training in Australia – for Supervisors](#)
- [Guide to Assessment Review Panels](#)
- [Improving Performance Action Plan \(IPAP\)](#)
- [NSW Trainee mid and end-of-term assessment form](#)

Visit the [HETI National Framework landing page](#) for more information and resources.