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Advice to final year medical students of transition to three-year Basic Physician Training program

To enhance the quality and strength of training for Basic Physician Trainees, Network Directors across NSW have recommended that Basic Physician Training Networks phase out the recognition of Post Graduate Year 2 (PGY2) towards the first year of Basic Physician Training (BPT). This recommendation occurs in the context of changes to the RACP Basic Training Curriculum which require increased assessment in the first year of BPT training and aligns to the National Framework for Prevocational Medical Training changes that will come into effect from the 2024 clinical year.

Based on capacity to train, BPT Networks are currently at different stages of action and readiness for the move to a 3-year program, prompting the need for a transitional phase.

During the transition phase, networks may offer both two- or three-year BPT contracts during annual medical recruitment, with the number of two- or three-year contracts being locally determined according to local workforce requirements and Network training capacity.

From the commencement of the 2025 clinical year, no network in NSW will approve PGY2 as a year of Basic Physician Training, to allow for implementation of a full three-year BPT program in NSW, from the 2026 clinical year.

Network Directors of Physician Education will act as a point of contact for each BPT Network, should you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact the relevant NDPE. Contact details can be found on the <u>HETI website</u>.