

National Framework for Prevocational Medical Training

Newsletter
Issue 4

Welcome

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

Latest from the AMC

The AMC has recently released supporting resources for the National Framework implementation in 2024. These include:

- [AMC Overview of assessment in 2024](#)

This 3 minute video provides an overview of the assessment requirements for prevocational trainees in 2024, which includes:

- beginning of term discussion
- mid-term assessment
- end-of-term assessment.

The AMC recently held a cultural safety workshop in Melbourne to provide further information to support state Prevocational Medical Councils (HETI in NSW) in implementing the new standards relating to cultural safety.

HETI will be providing further information to support training providers to better understand the cultural aspects introduced in the National Framework.

The AMC have also released a revised frequently asked questions, which is available on the [AMC website here](#). Please continue to check the [AMC website](#) for the latest updates and resources.



What is happening in NSW?

Review of runs of terms – preparatory activity

The Chair of the Prevocational Accreditation Committee has requested that all training providers submit their 2024 runs of terms for PGY1 and PGY2 trainees. These submissions are currently being reviewed and feedback will be provided to training providers individually.

Drop-in sessions for current Interns (2024 PGY2s)



HETI is holding two information sessions for current interns (2024 PGY2s) on the new National Framework for Prevocational Medical Training being implemented from 2024. Two Microsoft Teams sessions have been scheduled which will provide details of the new National Framework as well as provide an opportunity for questions and discussion.

We encourage all current interns working in NSW to attend one of these sessions.

Please note these sessions are for 2023 Interns (2024 PGY2s) – separate sessions are being planned for 2024 Interns.

Session One - Wednesday 6 December 2023, 4.00pm – 5.00pm - [MS Teams Meeting Link](#)

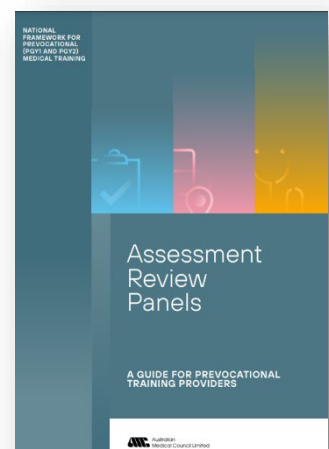
Session Two - Thursday 7 December 2023, 5.30pm – 6.30pm - [MS Teams Meeting Link](#)

Assessment Review Panel (ARP)

The National Framework requires training providers to form an Assessment Review Panel. The role of the panel is to review and make decisions regarding progression in training for all prevocational trainees and to manage and support trainees identified as requiring additional support.

The panel will consider the results of each individual trainees' end-of-term assessments and any additional learning activities completed during the year. The ARP membership may include the following roles:

- Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander representation
- DPET
- DMS
- medical education officer
- experienced term supervisor or senior clinician
- an individual with HR expertise



HETI has developed a Terms of Reference template for training providers which will be distributed in the coming weeks.

The AMC has developed a Guide to Assessment Review Panels, and is available on their [website here](#).

Spotlight – Standard 2: Organisational purpose and the context in which prevocational training is delivered

National Standard 2 outlines the structure and content of prevocational training programs. It requires that training programs are designed to provide trainees with a broad range of clinical experiences and opportunities for professional development. This standard also emphasises the importance of ensuring that training programs are flexible and responsive to the needs of individual trainees. It also highlights providing opportunities for trainees to receive feedback and support throughout their training.

Standard 2 criteria

Standard 2 comprises five criteria:

- program structure and composition
- training requirements
- assessment requirements
- feedback and supporting continuous learning
- improving performance.



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

- prevocational trainee term allocations and process
- ARP minutes and terms of reference
- supports for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander trainees
- evidence of flexible training arrangements
- mandatory training compliance reports
- formal education program
- assessment forms (deidentified)
- evidence of communication with trainees

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: Do I need to complete my PGY2 year in NSW under the National Framework requirements for the 2024?

The AMC has allowed states to determine whether they wish to implement the National Framework for PGY2 in 2024 or 2025 (at which point it is mandatory). In NSW, the decision has been made to implement the framework from 2024 given that NSW already accredits PGY2 programs.

Under the framework, to receive a certificate of completion a PGY2 has to (satisfactorily) complete a minimum of 47 weeks in a minimum of three 10 week terms with clinical experiences of classifications A, B, and C. PGY2's who complete the second post graduate year in a HETI accredited training program are exempt from the CPD requirements of the Medical Board of Australia (MBA).

Q: Under the National Framework, can PGY2 doctors participate in inter-network swaps?

Swaps maybe allowable provided that the impacted trainees will still meet the requirements of the National Framework. In the first instance, trainees wishing to apply for an inter-network swap are strongly encouraged to discuss this with their DPET and JMO Manager.

Q: Can I move to another state during my prevocational training?

Prevocational trainees can transfer to another state to complete or during their PGY2 year. Information sharing between the respective training providers should occur to transfer appropriate information.

Q: Can I work part time as a prevocational trainee in 2024?

Yes, by agreement with the employing LHD, the National Framework allows for prevocational trainees to complete the requirements on a part time basis.

The framework requirements still apply to be eligible for General Registration and a Certificate of Completion. Part time training should be completed:

- PGY1 – within 3 years of commencement
- PGY2 – within 4 years of commencement

Q: Can a prevocational trainee complete three medical or surgical discipline term within a clinical year?

In PGY1 year, no more than 2 medical or surgical terms are to be allocated to any one trainee as this as the program requirements place a limit of a maximum 50% in any specialty.

In PGY2 year, trainees may complete more than two terms in a specialty, but only one term in a single subspecialty. For example, a PGY2 trainee interested in pursuing physician training, may complete three terms in medicine, such as Cardiology, Gastroenterology and Infectious Diseases, but can't do more than one term in a subspecialty, such as two Cardiology or two Gastroenterology terms.

For example, a PGY2 trainee interested in pursuing surgical training, may complete three terms in surgery, such as Vascular Surgery, Orthopaedic Surgery and Upper GI Surgery, but can't do more than one term in a subspecialty, such as two Orthopaedic Surgery or two Vascular Surgery terms.

Other useful resources

- [Overview of the National Framework \(HETI\) – Video](#)
- [Assessment requirements in 2024 – Video](#)
- [Guide to Prevocational Training in Australia – for PGY1 and PGY2 Doctors](#)
- [Guide to Prevocational Training in Australia – for Supervisors](#)
- [Guide to Assessment Review Panels](#)
- [AMC Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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