



<b>Policy Name</b>	Cross-Border Prevocational Placement Accreditation
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### **Purpose and Scope**

These guidelines outline the process for accrediting intern and PGY2 posts in Victoria and interstate where cross-border relationships exist.

### **Context**

There are currently a range of different practices regarding cross-border (interstate) prevocational clinical placements, and their accreditation.

- In 2011, cross-border prevocational placements were formalised for interns at Albury Wodonga Health (AWH) via a process of recognition of CETI (the then NSW postgraduate medical council) accreditation of terms at Albury Health Service as appropriate for Victorian interns on rotation to AWH. In 2013, PMCV and the NSW Health Education and Training Institute (HETI - formerly CETI) entered into an arrangement, with the support of Albury Wodonga Health, whereby PMCV accredits intern and PGY2 posts on behalf of HETI and conducts visits every four years with a HETI representative.
- South Australia Medical Education and Training (SAMET) accredits an intern post at Coleraine Casterton Medical Clinic in Victoria, to which interns from Royal Adelaide Hospital rotate.

### **Definitions**

*Accreditation:* of prevocational medical training programs and posts is a process undertaken by an accreditation authority (PMCV) that establishes and monitors standards to ensure high quality clinical training for junior doctors (interns and PGY2s).

*Accreditation Committee:* A committee of PMCV which is responsible for promoting excellence in clinical training, appropriate educational and learning experiences and effective supervision through accreditation of intern and PGY2 posts to ensure the highest standards of patient safety and medical care.

*Parent health service/facility:* An entity responsible for recruiting junior doctors into a prevocational (intern or PGY2) training program which may or may not include rotations to external sites. This definition may also apply to community based programs.

*Rotation sites:* Prevocational medical training posts which are on rotation from a parent facility. This definition could apply to hospitals, general practices and other community based settings.

*Term:* The specific rotation undertaken by the junior doctor. Each term involves a clinical team, service or unit attachment where the junior doctor works and where clinical training takes place. All terms must be accredited.

*Junior Doctor:* A medical practitioner who is in their first two years of prevocational medical training (intern or PGY2). Also referred to as junior medical officers (JMOs) or hospital medical officers (HMOs).



### **Proposed Policy**

Victorian facilities wishing to rotate interns/PGY2s to cross-border (interstate) prevocational clinical placements, should write to the PMCV Accreditation Committee, outlining:

- The justification for the proposal and its potential advantages for the Victorian interns.
- The potential impact on the interstate facility and local training networks.
- How intern/PGY2 orientation will specifically address any relevant cross-border considerations.
- How communication with the parent Victorian facility will be maintained.

This should be accompanied by a completed application for the new post (*Refer PMCV Accreditation Guide*).

The Accreditation Committee will consider the merit of the proposal and whether it has addressed the relevant issues.

### **Intern Posts**

Intern posts will only be approved interstate within New South Wales (NSW) and South Australia (SA) at sites that are within a reasonable distance from the parent Victorian facility. In such cases, where a proposal is approved by the PMCV Accreditation Committee, for *existing* interstate intern posts, PMCV will formally write to NSW HETI or SAMET seeking information regarding accreditation status of the intern posts, and if accreditation status is confirmed, will recognise accreditation for the duration, and recommend such to the Victorian Board of the Medical Board of Australia (MBA).

For *new* interstate intern posts (i.e. where no NSW/SA interns currently rotate), PMCV will write to the relevant accrediting authority (jurisdictional postgraduate medical council or equivalent) seeking permission to undertake an accreditation visit of the relevant facility, and to confirm that there are no immediate plans for NSW/SA interns to commence at that site. PMCV will undertake and be responsible for accreditation of interstate intern rotations, however the costs associated with interstate accreditation visit will be borne by the parent Victorian facility.

### **PGY2 Posts**

PGY2 posts may be approved more widely than intern posts. For existing interstate posts that have been formally accredited/ reviewed by the jurisdictional postgraduate medical council (PMC) or equivalent, PMCV will formally write to that PMC seeking information regarding accreditation status of the PGY2 posts, and if accreditation status is confirmed, will recognise accreditation for the duration.

For *new/previously unaccredited* PGY2 posts (including PGY2 posts in jurisdictions that do not accredit/review PGY2 posts), PMCV is not in a position to undertake interstate accreditation surveys unless the costs associated with the accreditation visit are borne by the parent Victorian facility.