



Guideline Name	Hospital and General Practice Accreditation
Consultation and Date Approved	Accreditation Subcommittee: 16 July 2012 PMCV Board: 6 August 2012
Responsible Officer	Accreditation Manager

Purpose & Scope

The purpose of this guideline is to advise health services and general practices of their obligations in relation to PMCV accreditation when there are changes in their Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS) for health services or for general practices: Australian General Practice Accreditation Limited (AGPAL) or General Practices in Australia (GPA) accreditation or any other relevant accrediting body.

Context

This guideline applies to all health services and general practices which support prevocational medical training in Victoria.

Definitions

The Postgraduate Medical Council of Victoria (PMCV): is the principal organisation for accreditation of prevocational medical training positions for interns and PGY2s at health services and general practices in Victoria.

The Australian Council on Healthcare Standards (ACHS): is the principal independent authority on the measurement and implementation of quality improvement systems for Australian health care organisations. From 2013, the National Safety and Quality Health Service Standards will be implemented.

Australian General Practice Accreditation Limited (AGPAL): is a leading provider of accreditation and related quality improvement services to general practices measured against the Standards developed by the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP).

General Practices in Australia (GPA): provides an independent and voluntary system of practice accreditation to promote quality care in General Practices. GPA accreditation is a modular program of quality assurance, audit and risk management.

Guideline Details

Granting of accreditation

PMCV grants accreditation to health services and general practices which are accredited with ACHS or AGPAL/GPA or any other approved accrediting body and which meet the prevocational medical training accreditation standards developed and revised by PMCV and approved by the Medical Board of Australia and Department of Health.

Withdrawal of accreditation

Health services and general practices are required to advise the PMCV Accreditation subcommittee should there be any change to their overall accreditation status.

The Accreditation subcommittee will then consider whether this change has a material effect on the accreditation of the prevocational medical training positions. In the event of withdrawal of overall accreditation, PMCV reserves the right make specific recommendations/impose specific conditions to the HS/practice or to withdraw accreditation.

A decision to withdraw accreditation will only be made by the PMCV Board following recommendation from the Accreditation subcommittee. Such a decision should not disadvantage prevocational medical trainees.

Appeals

An employer body (health service/general practice) may appeal against the accreditation status awarded by Council following a survey visit. Refer to PMCV Appeals Policy.