

INTERN COMPUTER MATCH – INTERSTATE SPECIAL CONSIDERATION

Subject:	Computer Matching – Intern Match
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Responsible Officer:	CMS Manager/Medical Advisor, PMCV

Introduction:

The Postgraduate Medical Council of Victoria (PMCV) has delegated authority from the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services to administer the Victorian Intern Computer Match. It is recognized that some permanent resident graduates of interstate medical schools have previously been resident in Victoria, and would like to return to undertake internship in Victoria. This Special Consideration policy acknowledges that there may be exceptional reasons/compassionate grounds why a permanent resident graduates of an interstate medical school should be assigned a higher priority to undertake an internship in Victoria.

Scope:

This policy only applies to Priority Group 3 applicants for internship positions in Victoria:

Applicants must:

- hold Australian citizenship or permanent residency; and
- must currently be in their graduating year at an interstate Australian medical school; and,
- must have completed Year 12 in Victoria¹; and
- must be able to provide evidence to support their eligibility for Interstate Special Consideration under one of the 3 criteria categories below.

Criteria Categories:

1. Significant illness (including bereavement) of an immediate family member resident in Victoria².
2. Significant health problem of the applicant requiring frequent and ongoing specialist treatment only available in Victoria.
3. Demonstrated commitment or ties to rural Victoria with an intention to practice in a rural Victorian area in the long term.

Criteria 1 & 2: Significant Illness/health problem

This document sets out the application procedure for permanent resident graduates of interstate medical schools, who have previously been resident in Victoria, and who may have exceptional reasons/compassionate grounds for wishing to undertake internship in Victoria.

¹ Unless the applicant is from the University of New South Wales, has undertaken their last two years of clinical placement at Albury Wodonga Health, and is applying under Criteria Category 3: Rural Consideration.

² Immediate family member means children, step children, adopted children, parent, grandparent, brother or sister

Eligibility:

An applicant who has:

- A significant health problem requiring frequent and ongoing specialist treatment only available in Victoria.
- Significant ongoing illness (or recent bereavement) of an immediate family member¹ residing in Victoria.

Application Process - Significant illness/health problem

Applicants for Interstate Special Consideration under criteria categories 1 and 2 should complete an application outlining how they meet the eligibility criteria. Applicants will be assessed on a case by case basis with reference to supporting documentation.

Criteria 3: Rural Consideration

This document sets out the procedure for application for intern training positions in Victoria by permanent resident graduates of an interstate medical school, who have a demonstrated commitment to pursuing a Rural Generalist Training (RGT) program in Victoria and intention to practice medicine in rural Victoria in the long term.

Eligibility:

An applicant who can demonstrate a commitment or ties to rural Victoria and who intends to practice medicine in rural Victoria in the long term.

Application Process – Rural Consideration:

An applicant applying for rural consideration may apply for internship in Rural Generalist Training (RGT) programs. The Victorian RGT programs are located in 5 rural Victorian regions:

- Barwon South West (Rural Generalist – **South West Community Intern Program**)
- Grampians (Rural Generalist – **Grampians Rural Community Intern Program**)
- Loddon Mallee (Rural Generalist – **Echuca Intern Network**)
- Hume (Rural Generalist – **Murray to the Mountains Program**)
- Gippsland (Rural Generalist – **East Gippsland Community Based Intern Program**)

An applicant will be expected to rank ONE RGT program as their first preference and then may select other RGT programs or other rural health services that offer internship ONLY in their preference list. Rural Victorian health services offering intern positions are as follows: Albury Wodonga Health, Bairnsdale Regional Health Service, Ballarat Health Services, Bendigo Health Care Group, Gippsland Rural Intern Training program, Goulburn Valley Health, Mildura Base Hospital, and Northeast Health Wangaratta

Exception: An applicant from the UNSW Clinical School who has undertaken their last two years of clinical placement at Albury Wodonga must nominate Albury Wodonga Health as their first preference and then may select RGT programs or other rural health services that offer internship ONLY in their preference list.

An applicant's preferences will be checked by the Computer Matching Service and if an applicant has not ranked intern programs in accordance with this policy, their application will not be approved.



Supporting evidence - All applicants:

The following supporting evidence is to be submitted by an applicant:

- a) Evidence of your Australian residency or citizenship.
- b) Copy of your Victorian certificate of Education to verify Victorian residency prior to commencing medical studies.¹
- c) Brief statement /letter outlining your reasons for consideration under this policy.
- d) Supporting documentation (e.g. medical documentation/letter of support)

Application Form - All applicants

An applicant must complete the Interstate Special Consideration Form found on the computer matching website.

Click [here](#) for details.

Completed applications and supporting documentation should be sent by email: computermatching@pmcv.com.au by the advertised application close date: **(TBC)**.

All applications will be acknowledged upon receipt.

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Granting of Interstate Special Consideration

The PMCV administers the matching service and intern positions are allocated using a matching algorithm, which takes account of the applicant's preferences and those of a health service or intern training program.

Each application for Interstate Special Consideration will be assessed on a case by case basis in consultation between the PMCV and the Victorian Department of Health and Human Services, with the final decision resting with the Department.

If an application is successful, the applicant will be eligible to be assigned to Priority Group 2 instead of Priority Group 3 in the Intern match. **The change in the Priority group assignment does not guarantee the applicant an intern position in Victoria.**

Appeals Process

Decisions regarding eligibility for special consideration will be final and applicants will be advised of decisions in writing. Appeals will only be considered if additional relevant information is provided by the applicant or if the applicant believes that the process was not applied with appropriate due diligence or care.

Review

This policy will apply for the 2019/2020 Intern Match and will be reviewed for applicability in future years.

Responsibilities:

Applicants

Applicants are expected to:

- Read and understand the procedures
- Complete the online registration process via the Intern matching service and complete relevant health service applications processes by the close date
- Complete the Special Circumstances form and lodge by the close date.
- Ensure PMCV has most your current contact details (i.e. email and phone)
- Where possible, communicate your circumstances to the HMO Manager at the intern training programs or health services you are interested in working so they can take your circumstances into account when determining their merit based ranked list of applicants.

PMCV

The PMCV are expected to:

- Provide all relevant information about medical graduate recruitment posted on Computer matching website
- Communicate by email with applicants regarding their registration and completion of requirements for a valid application via the Intern Match.

Health services/intern training programs (Prospective employers)

- Adhere to advertised merit based selection criteria and procedures of employment
- Employers are to contact applicants who have been matched and arrange the necessary paperwork and pre-employment checks.