

## INTERN YEAR TERM LENGTH OUTCOME OF CONSULTATION

### SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION

The Australian Medical Council (AMC) has conducted a review of all the elements of the National Framework for Prevocational Medical Training (NFPMT), formerly the National Framework for Medical Internship. The revised NFPMT will be implemented sequentially in Victoria, with PGY1 set to be implemented in 2024, and PGY2 in 2025.

The revised national standard for prevocational training programs and terms under the NFPMT outlines the following program structure parameters:

**PGY1:** 4 terms (at least 10 weeks) in different specialties (maximum of 50% any specialty and 25% subspecialty in a year)

**PGY2:** minimum 3 terms (at least 10 weeks) in different subspecialties (more flexibility permitted, breadth is encouraged; maximum of 25% in subspecialty)

**PGY1 and PGY2:** maximum of 5 terms in each year

**PMCV endeavored to test the hypothesis of whether the transition to a four term PGY1 year would greatly improve the experience and performance of Prevocational Doctors whilst also reducing the administrative burden on health services.**

Three options were proposed for consideration:

**Option 1** – Statewide transition to a four-term intern year from 2024

**Option 2** - Statewide transition to a four-term intern year from 2025

**Option 3** – No changes to the current five-term intern year

### SCOPE OF CONSULTATION

To drive consultation and consensus, PMCV consulted extensively with stakeholders that would be directly impacted by the change in intern year term length.

PMCV consulted with:

- A) PMCV Reference groups and committees
- B) Medical Students Council of Victoria (MSCV) Executive committee
- C) JMO Victoria representatives
- D) NFPMT Health Service Leads

**OUTCOME:**

PMCV received diverse feedback in relation to the three proposed options, however, was not able to make a conclusive decision at this time.

**As a result, there will be no changes to the 2024 intern year term length, the five terms will remain.**

PMCV will revisit the discussion in the latter half of 2023 once the implementation of the NFPMT has further progressed.

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