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Dear Professor Leech

Revised registration standard 'Granting general registration as a medical practitioner to Australian and New Zealand medical graduates on completion of postgraduate year one training'.

I am writing to advise you that Health Ministers recently approved the Medical Board of Australia's (MBA's) revised registration standard *Granting general registration as a medical practitioner to Australian and New Zealand medical graduates on completion of postgraduate year one training*. The revised standard will come into effect from 2024.

By way of background, the MBA revised the existing standard to align with the Australian Medical Council's (AMC's) National Framework for Prevocational (PGY1 and PGY2) Medical Training (the AMC Framework). The AMC Framework will also come into effect from 2024.

The key change to the registration standard is the removal of the requirement for PGY1 doctors to complete mandatory terms in medicine, surgery and emergency medical care. Instead, they will need to complete 47 weeks training that includes a minimum of four terms (of at least 10 weeks each term) in different specialties with direct clinical care in the following types of patient care:

- undifferentiated illness patient care
- chronic illness patient care
- acute and critical illness patient care, and
- peri-procedural patient care.

The terms will be pre-accredited for up to two of the types of patient care.

Assessment of each intern will also be more structured.

The revised standard also supports flexible training including in locations and settings to enable intern training to evolve and change to better reflect community needs and changing models of care.

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Ahpra and the National Boards regulate these registered health professions: Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health practice, Chinese medicine, chiropractic, dental, medical, medical radiation practice, midwifery, nursing, occupational therapy, optometry, osteopathy, paramedicine, pharmacy, physiotherapy, podiatry and psychology.

PGY2 training requirements are outside the scope of the revised standard.

Most stakeholders supported the changes to the standard and had previously been consulted on changes to PGY1 training when the AMC conducted consultation on the AMC Framework. Since the publication of the AMC Framework, the AMC has been working with stakeholders to implement the changes from 2024.

The revised registration standard can be found on the [MBA website](#).

Transitional arrangements are also in place to support PGY1 doctors who started the intern year in or before 2023 and will not complete intern training by the start of 2024. These are also published on the [MBA website](#). I have attached the revised standard and the transitional arrangements for convenience.

I would appreciate it if you could please ensure public health service employers are aware of the changes coming into effect from 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact Dr Joanne Katsoris by email at joanne.katsoris@ahpra.gov.au

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Tonkin', with a small flourish at the end.

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cc Ms Julie Hatty, CEO, PMCV