

Psychiatry First Year Training Match – Key Dates 2026

Timeline	Process
Tuesday 21 April 10am AEST	Match applications open for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate registration via PMCV Allocation & Placement System (APS) • Nomination of Referees - <i>Please ask your referees for their consent, and confirm their availability and preferred contact email, prior to entering their details.</i> • Nomination of health service preferences • Completion of CV & 300-word statement (templates available online) • Submission of supporting documentation
Monday 18 May 5pm AEST	Match applications close for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidate registration • Nomination of referees and referees' submission of reports • Nomination of new preferences (candidates can reorder and delete existing preferences until 14 July 2026) • Completion of CV & 300-word statement • Updates to application details and upload of CV, statement and supporting documentation
Tuesday 19 May 9am AEST	VPTC can access list of candidates approved to participate in shortlisting
Tuesday 19 May 10am AEST – Thursday 21 May 5pm AEST	Video Interviews <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approved candidates complete their (recorded) video interview via login to their APS account
Friday 22 May	VPTC can access video interviews
VPTC and Health Service Selection	
Thursday 4 June	VPTC Shortlisting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • VPTC meeting to confirm shortlisted candidates
Tuesday 9 June 5pm AEST	VPTC advise PMCV and services of shortlisted candidates
Thursday 11 June 10am AEST	Health Services Assessment and Selection Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health Service administrators can access a list of shortlisted candidates' who have included that health service in their preference list

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Administrators can access applications, documentation and video interviews.
Friday 10 July	<p>VPTC to provide PMCV with a list of successful candidates following the selection interview process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PMCV to withdraw candidates from the Match who have not been successful in the VPTC selection process
Tuesday 14 July 5pm AEST	<p>Last day for candidates to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Withdraw from Match Reorder / delete preferences (existing preferences only)
Health Service Ranking	
Wednesday 15 July 10am AEST – Wednesday 22 July 11.59pm AEST	<p>Health Service Assessment / Ranking Period</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Health service administrators can access a list of candidates approved as eligible for the Match, who have included that health service in their preference list (note: candidates' preference order is not disclosed to health services) Health service administrators submit online a list of candidates in rank order
Match Conducted	
Thursday 23 July – Friday 24 July	<p>PMCV Conducts Match</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PMCV algorithm run to match candidates to Health Services and check results
Match Results	
Thursday 30 July 10am AEST	<p>Match Results Published</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Candidates have 48 hours to accept/decline their offer (failure to accept the allocated position by this deadline will result in an automatic decline)
Tuesday 4 August 10am AEST	<p>Post-Match Process</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Details of unmatched candidates' will be shared with health services that have unmatched positions (candidates' approval required)
Friday 28 August 5pm AEST	<p>Final date to apply for mid-year entry for successful applicants</p>