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**Medical Council
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Prevocational Medical Training Requirements for PGY2

PGY2 requirements

An endorsement is placed on the practising certificates of PGY2 interns, reflecting the imposition of programme requirements under section 40 of the HPCAA. These requirements are that:

- Interns must complete four Council-accredited clinical attachments. All accredited clinical attachments will span for 13-weeks^{1 2}.
- Interns must continue to set goals in the PDP and work towards achieving these goals.

During PGY2, interns must continue to record and show progress in attaining the remaining learning outcomes in the NZCF. To be considered sufficient, interns should record the attainment of at least 95% (354) of the learning outcomes by the end of PGY2.

Supervision

Interns will continue to be supervised by a prevocational educational supervisor and will be under the supervision of the named clinical supervisor on the particular clinical attachment, who will be responsible for providing formal feedback to the intern and meeting with the intern at the beginning, middle and end of the clinical attachment. It is recognised that the level of day to day supervision required for PGY2 will decrease, as the intern moves to more independent practice. Accredited clinical attachments will ensure an ongoing quality learning environment and an appropriate level of support.

Flexibility in meeting the PGY2 requirements

An intern may take time out from practice in New Zealand during PGY2 and their training will pause. On return to practice the intern will need to continue working towards the prevocational medical training requirements for PGY2. For example if an intern takes leave for a full clinical attachment they will need to complete an additional clinical attachment to meet the time requirements for PGY2.

Interns (PGY1 and PGY2) with flexible working arrangements (undertaking part-time work) need to work at least 0.5 FTE for it to count towards meeting the prevocational requirements. Where an intern is working part-time they will be required to complete additional time (if the intern is working 0.5 FTE they will need to complete a further attachment of 0.5 FTE for it to count towards the prevocational requirements).

Entering formal vocational training

Interns entering a vocational training programme during PGY2 will need to enter a PDP goal that describes their intention to satisfactorily participate in the particular vocational training programme during PGY2. Interns should engage with their employer if they wish to complete specific accredited clinical attachments in PGY2 to ensure it meets the employer's policies for allocation.

¹ Please refer to Council's [Policy on prevocational medical training](#) for further information.

² Six month placements, for example a paediatrics placement, can be completed by PGY2 interns. However, the six month placement will comprise two prevocational medical training accredited clinical attachments. The clinical supervisor will need to complete the beginning, middle and end of clinical attachment meetings for both quarters.

Interns are able to enter vocational training in PGY2, however they are still required to undertake their training in prevocational medical training **accredited clinical attachments**, record their learning in ePort, including clinical supervisor *End of clinical attachment assessments*, prevocational educational supervisor meetings, NZCF learning outcomes and goals in their PDP. The requirements for the vocational training programme would be in addition to Council's requirements.

This means that all PGY2s must undertake all of the prevocational medical training requirements. That is, PGY2s must:

- satisfactorily complete four accredited clinical attachments,
- maintain their PDP, and
- continue to record attainment of the remaining learning outcomes in NZCF (95% by then end of PGY2).

The advisory panel where the intern is employed will consider the intern's intention to enter vocational training in PGY2 at the time they endorse the PDP for PGY2 as being acceptable.

Completing PGY2 requirements overseas

Interns registered in a general scope of practice are not restricted from practising in other jurisdictions. However, if they want the time spent practising outside of New Zealand to count towards meeting the prevocational training requirements for PGY2 they must have prior approval. Otherwise, on return to practice in New Zealand they will continue to meet the PGY2 requirements under the supervision of a prevocational educational supervisor who will be responsible for recommending when the intern has completed their prevocational training requirements.

Interns wishing to do so must create a goal outlining their intentions, with information about the position overseas and a proposed PDP. This information is considered either by:

- the Advisory Panel when they are reviewing their PGY1 progress OR
- their prevocational educational supervisor if applying part way through their PGY2 year.

The Advisory Panel at the end of PGY1, or prevocational educational supervisor during PGY2, may approve all or part of PGY2 requirements to be completed in Australia, the UK or Ireland subject to one of the following:

- Within Australia – a prevocational training position under the supervision of a vocationally (specialist) registered doctor in a position approved for prevocational training.
- Within the UK – a position in an approved practice setting that has been recognised by the GMC for prevocational training in the UK.
- Within Ireland - a supervised position approved by IMC for prevocational training.

Any PGY2 who wishes to practise overseas outside of the above specified criteria must submit an individual application for approval to Council **prior to going overseas**, which will be considered on a case by case basis. Refer to [Application for pre-approval of all or part of the PGY2 year to be completed overseas](#).

Locum work in PGY2

A PGY2 intern can work in a locum position if it is a complete accredited clinical attachment. This is to ensure that the locum position has provides sufficient supervision, support and learning. This does not preclude an intern from providing cover outside their allocated clinical attachment as long as the cover being providing is in an accredited clinical attachment and, providing such cover does not compromise the intern's ability to perform their usual duties and it is approved by the Advisory Panel or prevocational educational supervisor³.

³ In addition a PGY2 intern may complete voluntary work for up to a week without seeking approval by the Advisory Panel or prevocational educational supervisor. For any work longer than this, it would need to be considered by the Advisory Panel or prevocational educational supervisor.

Overseas locum positions will only be pre-approved as appropriate if they comprise of a complete clinical attachment and in positions described below:

1. Within Australia – a prevocational training position under the supervision of a vocationally (specialist) registered doctor in a position approved for prevocational training.
2. Within the UK – a position in an approved practice setting that has been recognised by the GMC for prevocational training in the UK.
3. Within Ireland – a supervised position approved by IMC for prevocational training.

Registrar positions in PGY2

An intern must complete their PGY2 year prior to being appointed to a more senior position. This includes a registrar position that is not undertaking vocational training.

Australian graduates undertaking PGY2 in New Zealand

PGY2 prevocational training requirements must also be completed by graduates of Australian medical schools who apply to undertake all or part of their PGY2 year in New Zealand.

End of PGY2 – removal of endorsement

At the end of PGY2, interns must demonstrate through the information in their ePort that they have met the prevocational training requirements for PGY2 in order to have the endorsement on their practising certificate removed. The prevocational educational supervisor may make this decision. However, if the prevocational educational supervisor has concerns about whether the intern has met the programme requirements the decision must be escalated to the CMO or delegate. If the intern has not met the PGY2 requirements then the endorsement will remain.

If an intern disagrees with the final recommendation from the prevocational educational supervisor and/or CMO, they have the right to seek review by Council.

On satisfying the requirements, as evidenced by the removal of the endorsement, the doctor will be required to, either:

- enrol and participate in the Council approved recertification programme for doctors registered in a general scope of practice, administered by bpac^{nz}, OR
- enrol and participate in an accredited vocational training programme.

Interns who have worked overseas

Interns who complete pre-approved practice overseas during PGY2 will retain the endorsement on their practising certificate on return to practice in New Zealand. Interns will need to demonstrate that they have continued to develop and maintain the goals in their PDP during PGY2 and recorded any outstanding NZCF learning outcomes. Interns will also be required to upload completed supervision reports for any period completed in other jurisdictions into ePort.

On return to practice in New Zealand a review of the intern's completed supervision reports from the time spent overseas and the intern's overall progress as demonstrated in their ePort is required.

Where an intern completes all or part of PGY2 overseas and on return to practice has completed 12 months of satisfactory practice for PGY2, the Advisory Panel at the DHB where the intern has been offered a position will review the completed supervision reports and the intern's progress as demonstrated through ePort and consider recommending to Council that the endorsement on the practicing certificate be removed. If there is any uncertainty or concern then the Advisory Panel Chair would refer the request to Council for consideration.

Where an intern is not returning to employment at a DHB the Council's Medical Adviser or Education Committee Chair will review the completed supervision reports from the time spent overseas and the

intern's overall progress as demonstrated in their ePort and consider whether the endorsement on the practicing certificate can be removed. Refer to [Application for PGY2 endorsement to be removed](#) for further information.

Where an intern completes part of PGY2 overseas and on return to practise has not completed sufficient time to meet the PGY2 requirements, the intern will need to be employed to work in accredited clinical attachments under the supervision of a prevocational educational supervisor. The prevocational educational supervisor will be able to view the supervision report/s that have been uploaded to the intern's ePort for the time spent overseas and will meet with the intern in relation to their PDP for the remainder of PGY2. Once the intern has met the requirements for PGY2 their prevocational educational supervisor will review their overall progress for PGY2 and consider recommending to Council that the endorsement on their practising certificate be removed.