**Guide for 2026 Prevocational Doctors (PGY1) Positions**

 **Who can apply?**

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| **Eligibility Group** | **Eligibility Criteria** |
| **VIA Group 1** | * Graduates from an Australian University identifying as Aboriginal or Torre Strait Islander.
* Australian Citizen or permanent resident and New Zealand citizens graduating from a Victorian Medical School.
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| **VIA Group 2** | * Australian Temporary residents graduating from a Victorian University.
* Australian citizens or permanent residents and New Zealand citizens graduating from an interstate University who completed their year 12 schooling in Victoria.
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| **VIA Group 3** | * New Zealand temporary resident graduating from a New Zealand University.
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| **VIA Group 4** | * Graduates from and overseas campus of an Australian/New Zealand University accredited by the Australian Medical Council (i.e. Monash University, Malaysia or Ochsner).
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Queries regarding eligibility to apply for Prevocational Doctors (PGY1) positions in Victoria should be addressed to the PMCV on (03) 9670 1066 in the first instance.

**Computer Match Process**

For further information on the Computer Match process, please refer to the PMCV [website](https://app.pmcv.com.au/aps/content/how-it-works).

**Important Dates for Computer Match Process**

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| **Date** | **Activity** |
| **Tuesday 06 May 2025, 10am AEST** | Match applications open |
| **Thursday 05 June 2025, 5pm AEST** | Match applications close |
| **Friday 06 June 2025, 10am AEST –****Sunday 08 June 2025, 5pm AEST** | Video interviews are conducted if required for your eligibility group. **VRPA and VIA Group 4** |
| **Wednesday 02 July 2025, 5pm AEST** | Last day for candidates to:* Withdraw from the match
* Reorder/Delete preferences
* Submit deferral of internship application for (Category 1 only)
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| **Monday 14 July 2025** | VRPA results are published |
| **Wednesday 16 July 2025** | First round offers commence |
| **Thursday 14 August 2025** | Second round offers commence |
| **Thursday 18 September 2025** | Third round offers commence |

Refer [PMCV match dates and VRPA process](https://www.pmcv.com.au/2025-intern-match/)

**Prospective Prevocational Doctors (PGY1) Information**

Austin Health held its 2025 Prospective Prevocational Doctors (PGY1) Information Session on **Tuesday 15 April 2025**. The presentation can be viewed here.

**Commencement**

Mandatory Prevocational Doctors (PGY1) Orientation will be held the week commencing **5 January 2026**, with official Prevocational Doctors (PGY1) year commencing on **Monday 12 January 2026.**

If you have any queries about the application process that have not been answered here, please feel free to contact the Medical Workforce Unit via

mwuenquiries@austin.org.au

Alternatively, if your query is not specifically related to Prevocational Doctors (PGY1) at Austin Health, please contact [PMCV](https://app.pmcv.com.au/content/contact-us) who may be able to help with your query.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

**• I am an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicant; how should I identify this in my application?**

When completing your PMCV online application, you will be able to identify as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander applicant, this will prioritse your application.

**• What support and programs of work are available to me as an Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander employee at Austin Health?**

Austin Health launched its first Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) in May 2019. This Reflect RAP formalised our commitment to improving health care outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, as well as advancing employment and career development opportunities.

We are continuing our commitment to reconciliation through the development of our second RAP ([Innovate RAP](https://www.austin.org.au/news/Bringing-our-RAP-to-life/)), which was launched in April 2022. We are also have a targeted Aboriginal Employment Plan for 2021-2024.

There are also opportunities to get involved in various committees across the organisation working in this space, as well as connecting other staff who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander at our monthly networking sessions, along with members of our Ngarra Jarra Aboriginal Health Program.

**• What education opportunities are available for?**

All Prevocational Doctors (PGY1) have protected training time each week. Those on rotation to a Rural Health Service also have protected training time. In addition to formal weekly education sessions, there are a number of other educational opportunities for Prevocational Doctors (PGY1), including specific workshops (surgical skills, the deteriorating patient), career preparation evenings, weekly surgical audits and Austin Hospital Grand Rounds.

**• Are there any research opportunities for Prevocational Doctors (PGY1)?**

Yes, there are research opportunities available for Prevocational Doctors (PGY1). Research opportunities can be discussed with the Supervisor of Prevocational Doctors (PGY1) training, Medical Lead of the Clinical Education Unit, supervising Consultants or the Office of Research. All would be happy to assist in putting those interested in clinical research in touch with the relevant departments and research teams.

**• Will I have a rural rotation?**

Of our 65 Prevocational Doctors (PGY1) positions, we expect 20 to have the opportunity to undertake a rural rotation. We currently have two rotations to Mildura Base Hospital and two rotations to Echuca Regional Health. These rotations provide excellent learning opportunities and are valued by those who undertake them each year, with great feedback about the level of support provided, particularly early in the Prevocational Doctors (PGY1) year.

**• I'm an interstate medical graduate; how can I get a job with Austin Health?**

All Prevocational Doctors (PGY1) positions in Victoria are matched through the Postgraduate Medical Council of Victoria ([PMCV](https://allocations.pmcv.com.au/home)). Victorian and interstate medical school graduates, and graduates of New Zealand medical schools (including full fee paying students of New Zealand medical schools) all need to register an application and meet the eligibility requirements of the matching process through the PMCV to be eligible for a position in the Prevocational Doctors (PGY1) computer match.

The application process is the same for all eligible candidates with offers made in accordance with the Category rules and procedures.

**• I have a special event that I need specific annual leave for. Can this be accommodated?**

If you are aware of a significant special event in advance, please notify your Medical Workforce Coordinator as early as possible and make sure it is noted on your Annual Roster ranking sheet. This gives us the best chance to take your needs into account when planning.

 Please note that while we do our best, not all requests can be accommodated. Only major events, such as your own wedding, qualify for special consideration. Unfortunately, events like overseas family reunions at Christmas do not meet the criteria for specific annual leave allocation

.**• How much annual leave are Prevocational Doctors (PGY1)** **given and how is it allocated?**

Prevocational Doctors (PGY1) are allocated annual leave in the Annual Roster for the year. Two weeks leave will be allocated within the clinical year, usually in the Emergency Medicine term, the remaining balance of annual leave will be paid at the end of your PGY1 year.

**• Can I apply for conference leave?**

Yes, you can apply for conference leave and we will try to accommodate your application where possible. The entitlement is for conference leave is one week per annum, and up to three weeks per year (at the discretion of the hospital).

A number of factors are considered in granting conference leave, including whether the leave will impact your core training requirements, whether cover for your leave is required and/or available during the requested leave period.

**• If I am successful in securing a Prevocational Doctors (PGY1)** **position, can I choose my rotations?**

All successfully matched Prevocational Doctors (PGY1) have the opportunity to rank annual rosters that match; 1) their annual leave requirements, and 2) rotational interests. The Annual Roster ranking sheet is generally released in August, and notification of your Annual Roster allocation happens around September/October. In most cases, we are able to give people one of their top ten choices. For those with specific requirements re: annual leave, please advise when you submit your preferences, as this will be given priority when allocating rosters.

* **What wellbeing initiatives are in place for interns?**

Wellness Week (massages, wellness kits).

Peer support programs (coffee with consultants, mentoring).

HMO Society supports social events, advocacy, and education.