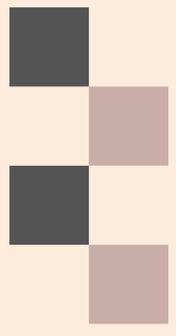
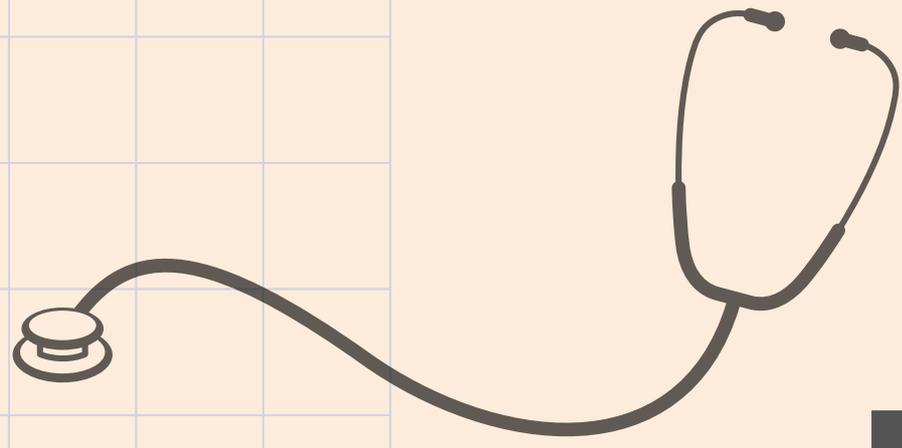




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INTERNSHIP GUIDE

2023



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AMSA ISN INTRODUCTION

The Australian Medical Students' Association International Students Network (AMSA ISN) is a group of international students from around the globe that call Australia home to their medical degree. As the executive and peak representative body in Australia, we serve to represent all international medical students, with a tight focus on advocacy for the internship situation that all international medical graduates face at the end of their medical degree. We are also strong in advocating on non-internship fronts, including visas, mental health, and medical student welfare.

Through this document, we have detailed the best tips to help you secure an internship to kickstart your medical career.

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Letter From The Chair - Jacqueline Tan

To our dearest international students,

Congratulations on making it this far! Making it to the final year of your medical degree is a huge accomplishment that should be celebrated! For us international students, the journey to that coveted MD has been full of challenges and preparations for internship will be no different. Two things to remember in light of this:

- 1) AMSA ISN is always here to help in any way we can.
- 2) You have proven that you are tenacious, you are strong, and by now, you are ready to tackle any challenge that is thrown your way. Let's turn to this next chapter and say, "bring it on!"

The following pages were carefully curated to equip you with all of the information you will need to prepare for internship and visa applications. Be encouraged that many people in similar shoes have found great success in this process. Thank you for being a part of the wonderful, fun, and encouraging community that is AMSA's international students' network. Wishing all of you the best of luck with internship and your future careers in medicine.

Warmest Wishes,

Jacqueline Tan

AMSA ISN Chair 2023

INTERNSHIP GENERAL ADVICE

Intern Application Overview

Internship allocation is generally based upon a priority system in which internship positions are given based on “priority groups”. Depending on the state that you are applying to, internship applications may either be merit-based or ballot-based. The key is to apply widely, particularly to places where positions are often underfilled, typically in regional and rural areas. After students have applied, hospitals will take a varied amount of time to interview, review and make final internship offers to international students to fill positions remaining after domestic students are allocated places depending on States.

Patience is key for this, as offers could be given as late as December. As such, we encourage our international students to apply widely, and across different states so as to maximise their chances of receiving offers across Australia. For that, international students can either apply via the Junior Doctor Training Program (JDTP), or via the general process for each state.

Please read below carefully further detail into the process of applying to internships, what to prepare and what you should be looking for.

Application Building

How do I enhance my application?

- Refer to online modules by AMA on writing a medical CV
 - <https://www.dplearning.com.au/cpd-learning/writing-medical-CV>
- State your career goals, any family considerations or if you'd like to be considered as a couple with your medical graduate/partner.
- If applying to a rural/regional hospital, highlight any rural or regional hospital rotations, projects or research experiences you've previously had, and be genuine in your interest in going rural. Rural communities are extremely rewarding to work in, and can provide you a wonderful experience for your internship years and more.
- Express commitment - most hospitals want to know that you are committed to the internship year and even beyond (house officer years, training/rural generalism)
- Referees - 2 are required for your applications, make sure they will offer you a good reference
 - Reach out to them first before including them on your application
 - Some hospitals have certain requirements on the seniority of your references e.g. in VIC for 2022 the PMCV accepts references from PGY4s. It would be best to check which level of training the particular hospital you're interested in accepts.

How do I enhance my chances as a candidate?

- Research the hospital. Refer to resources from AMA, AMSA and state health departments.
- Visit your hospitals of interest to:
 - See if the hospital and location is right for you - do you see yourself fitting into the working environment?
 - Speak to the interns at the hospital to get their perspectives - what are the pros and cons of interning at this particular hospital?
 - Check if hospitals offer your particular area of interest. Note that some rural hospitals offer a limited selection of specialties (e.g radiology, specific surgical subspecialties), but also may offer options that you otherwise wouldn't have in a metropolitan hospital
- When you pay your visit:
 - Call or email in advance to check availability or for their Info Sessions.
 - Contact the medical recruitment officers, which can often be found on state internship websites
 - Depending on the hospital, some will include hospital tours, answer questions and introduce you to other administrative staff that work closely with interns

Resume Building Tips

Although we can't advise on the perfect resume, there are some things you can take on through your medical degree to upskill and find your own voice as a budding doctor.

- 1) Academic results
- 2) Volunteering
- 3) Getting involved at university and interest groups
- 4) Clinical research
- 5) Participating with mentoring programs
- 6) Participate in workshops and develop extra skills (e.g. suturing workshops, surgical conferences)

Here's a quick link to a helpful website regarding building medical student resumes. It might also be a good idea to check with your respective MSCs for state-specific criteria required in the CV.

INTERNSHIP STATE PRIORITY PREFERENCING

Preferencing for international students

Depending on the state that you are applying to, there will be a different distribution of available spots across the state. For example, Victoria preserves a certain percentage of spots at each hospital for international students, with addition of rejected spots by local Category 1 students which tend to be regional/rural. In Queensland, most internships that remain after all domestic Australian students have been matched will be at the rural or regional hospitals. Positions can become available in major metropolitan hospitals due to rollback. However, the availability varies each year. NSW on the other hand uses a ballot-based system, with the regional rural networks traditionally being undersubscribed.

While a rural or regional focused approach could increase chances of obtaining an internship, we would also recommend preferencing the hospitals according to your own personal circumstances (i.e. how strong you are as a candidate compared to your cohort) and also your personal take on each hospital's culture and post-internship opportunities for your desired training pathways.

Interviews

- Be ready to share your long-term goals - your intent to stay in Australia, your career aspirations and back-up options do you have if you are not offered a position
- Prepare ahead for possible interview questions to ask
- Be you! Be someone who would fit in and get along with any medical team
- Commonly asked questions - How would you describe yourself?
- More specific questions may include case scenario questions, particularly on medical ethics - what would you do in X situation as the intern?
- Clinical facts style of questions are generally less common in Australia but should nonetheless be considered
- If regional / rural - Do you foresee yourself staying in the area for the next few years / long term?

Couples

Some hospitals might take that into consideration. In some circumstances, if one partner preferences a rural hospital, there might be the possibility to negotiate as a pair with the hospital directly. It is recommended to mention your partner, their internship application reference number and your situation in your application to be matched together.

Late Starts

Students in the past have been able to organise 'late' starting internships to follow directly after their final rotations. We encourage you to keep close contact with your International representative for further guidance and being added to Late Starts Facebook group. These

positions remain merit-based. These are not randomly allocated so contact the individual hospitals to arrange a late start internship. If you are unable to match in a late start position, your priority grouping is preserved the following year, however you will have to reapply to match in January in the following year.

Accepting an Offer

- **AHPRA registration:** Submit application as early as possible! Your hospital can assist you in this to obtain a prescriber number and legally work. Await for your education provider to provide your graduate results to AHPRA. It will take 2 weeks to finalise your application
- **International Criminal History Check** conducted by Fit2Work. A new requirement from AHPRA as of 2015, applies to all international students. This must be done no later than 6 weeks after graduation, do not delay this. Turn-around time is 2-3 days.

Priority Groups and Links

Note:

- FGAMS = Foreign Graduates of Australian Medical Schools
- Only the main pathways are listed - some states have separate rural regional pathways that are worth looking into as well

<u>State</u>	<u>Application Dates</u>	<u>Priority category for FGAMS from same state</u>	<u>Priority category for interstate FGAMS</u>	<u>Application details</u>	<u>Contact Details</u>
ACT	TBC (May 2023)	Category 4	Category 5	Website: https://www.canberrahealthservices.act.gov.au/careers/junior-medical-officer-careers Priority List https://health.act.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-04/ACT%20Intern%20Priority%20List%202022.pdf	Janelle Corey Director, Medical Officer Credentialing, Employment and Training Unit Canberra Hospital & Health Services Phone: 6244 2507 Mobile: 0403 358 444 Email: janelle.corey@act.gov.au Please contact the Canberra Health Services Medical Officer Support Unit on 02 5124 2779 or email tchmosu@act.gov.au for more information.
NSW	8/5/2023 to 8/6/2023	Category 4	Category 5	Application done online through prevocational training application program	Health Education and Training Institute (HETI) Phone: (02) 9844 6562

				<p>(PTAP) https://www.heti.nsw.gov.au/education-and-training/courses-and-programs/medical-graduate-recruitment</p> <p>HETI application information guide powerpoint for 2024 https://www.heti.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/576477/Presentation-for-website-for-2024-clinical-year.pdf</p> <p>Priority List https://www.heti.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0009/576450/NSW-Health-Priority-List.pdf</p> <p>NSW FB Internship Support Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/nswinternship2021/</p>	<p>Email: heti-internship@health.nsw.gov.au</p>
NT	<p>9/5/22 to 9/6/2022 (Info for 2023 not released yet)</p>	Category E	Category E	<p>https://health.nt.gov.au/careers/medical-officers/cahs-jobs/interns</p> <p>To be eligible as an Intern applicant in the Northern Territory you must not have completed a medical Internship previously.</p> <p>If completed an internship previously (overseas), please go to the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) website for more information.</p>	<p>For general enquiries regarding intern applications email InternsNT.DoH@nt.gov.au or phone (08) 89 992836.</p> <p>Alice Springs Hospital (CAHS) Amanda Cawthorne-Crosby Medical Education Officer Phone: (08) 8951 7828 Email: amanda.cawthorne-crosby@nt.gov.au</p> <p>Manager Medical & Clinical Services Administration Phone: (08) 8951 7989 Email: MedicalRecruitmentASH@nt.gov.au</p> <p>Royal Darwin Hospital (TEHS) Junior Medical Officer Workforce Coordinator Email: hospitaldoctors@nt.gov.au</p>

QLD	8/5/2023 to 8/6/2023	Group C	Group C	<p>Applications are submitted via online application portal on the Queensland Health website https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/work-for-us/clinical/medical/recruitment/intern</p> <p>Priority List https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/work-for-us/clinical/medical/recruitment/intern/applicant-groups</p> <p>Key Dates: https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/work-for-us/clinical/medical/recruitment/intern/key-dates</p> <p>QLD FB Internship Support Group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/1142215119822444/?ref=share&mibextid=S66gvF</p>	<p>Contact the intern campaign coordinator on Intern-Recruitment@health.qld.gov.au.</p> <p><i>Please contact respective health services.</i> https://www.health.qld.gov.au/employment/work-for-us/clinical/medical/recruitment/intern/facility-contacts</p>
SA	8/5/2023 to 8/6/2023	Category 3	Category 4	<p>Information + Priority List https://www.samet.org.au/internship/intern-positions/</p> <p>SA Health Careers for internationally trained health professionals: https://www.sahealth.sa.gov.au/wps/wcm/connect/public+content/sa+health+international/careers/how+to+apply/international+applicant+guidelines</p>	<p>SA Health South Australia Medical Education and Training Unit Telephone: (08) 8226 7231. HealthSAMET@sa.gov.au</p> <p><i>Please contact respective health services. Refer to AMSA Internship guide for list of contact details</i></p>
TAS	9/5/22 to 9/6/2022 (Info for	Priority 2	Priority 4	<p>Information (2023): https://www.health.tas.gov.au/careers/recruitment-camp</p>	<p>Recruitment email address: medical.recruitment@ths.tas.gov.au</p>

	2023 not released yet)			signs/doctors-training/2023-medical-intern-applications 2024 Link will be updated once online. All applicants are required to apply online.	Postgraduate Medical Education Council of Tasmania GPO Box 1916, Hobart Phone: 0448 003 439 Email: office@pmct.org.au
VIC	8/5/2023 to 8/6/2023	Priority 2	Priority 3	Application done through PMCV website. Link: https://www.pmcv.com.au/intermatch-2023/ VIC Internship Support Group: https://m.facebook.com/groups/684975766695949/?wtsid=rdr_0NOFVFbF66zkD5E v <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The PMCV aims to fill a majority of the rural intern positions via an opt-in pathway, the Victorian Rural Preferential Allocation (VRPA)- this will be the first intern allocation round (prior to the metro allocations). To be eligible for the VRPA, candidates will need to preference only rural Health services. Australian temporary residents graduating from Victorian medical schools will be VRPA Priority Group 2. Currently this is not open for interstate FGAMS. 	Postgraduate Medical Council of Victoria Level 8, 533 Little Lonsdale Street Melbourne, VIC 3000 Tel: +61 3 9670 1066 Fax: +61 3 9670 1077 Email: pmcv@pmcv.com.au

				Webinar on VRPA: https://vimeo.com/698034146	
WA	8/5/2023 to 8/6/2023	To apply for an internship in WA you must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • complete an application • graduate from a university accredited by the Australian Medical Council • possess a valid Intern Placement Number • not previously worked as an intern in either Australia or overseas • meet the Medical Board's English language skills registration standard • be eligible to work in Australia 	Applications needs to be placed though MedJobsWA https://pmcwa.org.au/junior-doctors/intern-recruitment Application dates: https://pmcwa.org.au/media/attachments/2023/04/04/2024-intern-application-dates-4.pdf Application guide (2023 with 2024 edition coming once applications open): https://pmcwa.org.au/component/edocman/3-2023-wa-intern-application-guide-final/viewdocument/3?Itemid=0 The PMCWA recommends referring to the FAQs within the 2024 WA Intern Application Guide for more information.	Postgraduate Medical Council of Western Australia 189 Royal St. East Perth WA 6004 P: (08) 6373 2303 E: PMCWA@health.wa.gov.au	

VISA OPTIONS

Temporary Visa Options for Internship

Below is a summary of the temporary Visa options for international students, and a comparison of their eligibility criteria, their processing time, and visa length. Ideally, subclass 485 is the simplest option which does not require any sponsorship from employers/hospitals. While waiting for Visa applications, apply for a bridging Visa to legally stay in the country.

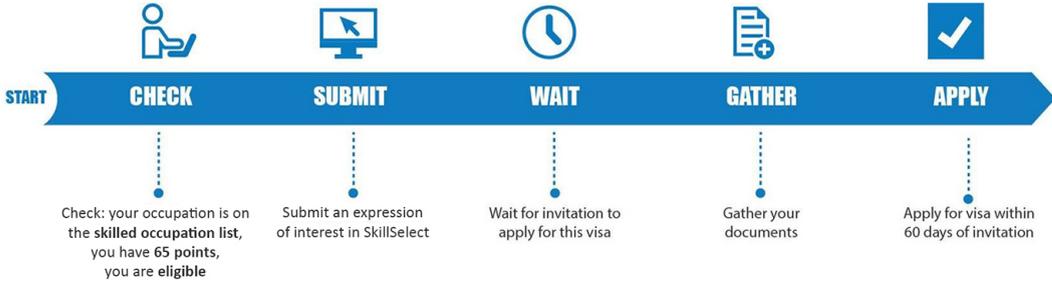
Types of Visa	Subclass 485 Temporary Graduate visa	Subclass 482 Temporary Skill Shortage Visa	Subclass 407 Training Visa
Eligibility	Held a student visa in the past 6 months <i>Offshore graduates impacted by COVID-19 travel restrictions can apply outside Australia.</i>	Employer sponsorship needed	Employer sponsorship needed
Processing time	Graduate Work Stream: 75% of applications: 11 months 90% of applications: 17 months Post-study Work Stream: 75% of applications: 11 months 90% of applications: 12 months	Short-term stream: 75% of applications: 9 months 90% of applications: 15 months Medium-term stream: 75% of applications: 5 months 90% of applications: 10 months Labour agreement stream: 75% of applications: 3 months 90% of applications: 6 months	75% of applications: 4 months 90% of applications: 10 months
Length of visa	Graduate Work: 18 months Post-Study: 2-4 years	Short-term: 2-4 years if an International Trade Obligation applies Medium-term: up to 4 years Labour agreement: up to 4 years	Up to 2 years
	Hong Kong & British National Overseas passport holders (any stream) - 5 years		
Cost	Graduate Work Stream AUD1,680 Post Study Work Stream AUD1,680 Second Post study work stream: AUD 660	Short-term: AUD1,290 Medium-term, Labour agreement: AUD2,690	From AUD315
Note	Organise health exams early Must apply onshore within the first 6 months of course	Check with hospital for sponsor nomination	Before applying for the visa, make sure your sponsoring organisation has:

	<p>completion</p> <p>For Graduate Work Stream, must apply for skills assessment with Medical Board of Australia - Provisional Registration is sufficient</p> <p>For Post-Study Work Stream, must nominate the occupation Medical Practitioners NEC [253999]</p> <p>https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-graduate-485</p>	<p>In limited situations, 2 years of clinical placements have been recognised at post-qualifications experience.</p> <p>Nominate the occupation Resident Medical Officer [253112]</p> <p>https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/temporary-skill-shortage-482</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - applied and has been approved to become a sponsor - submitted a nomination application for you <p>https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/training-407</p>
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Pathway To Permanent Residency

Following completion of internship, students are eligible to apply for general registration and PR under the occupation Medical Practitioners NEC [253999]. Below are the common pathways that previous year students used and successfully gained PR.

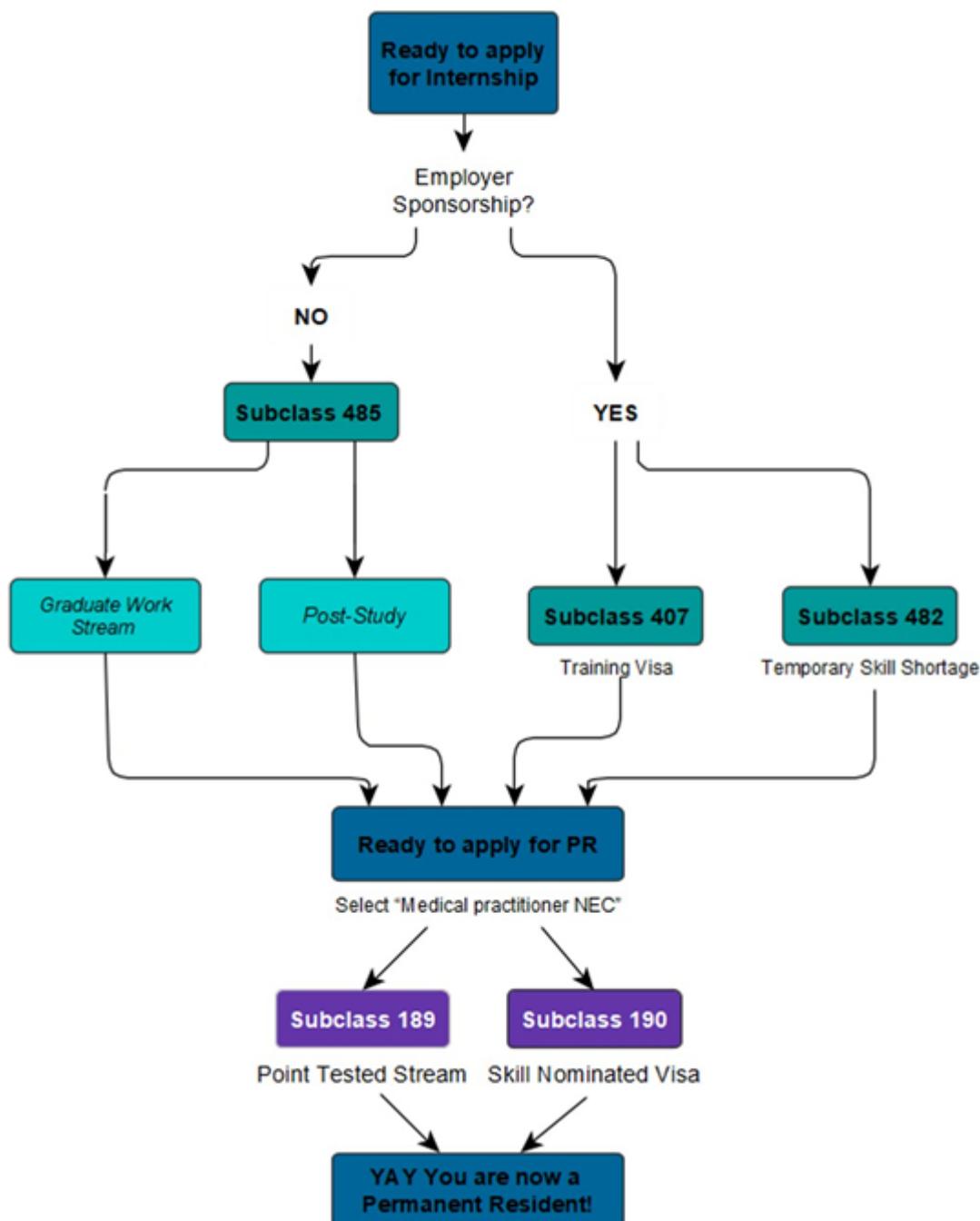
<p>Types of Visa</p>	<p>Subclass 189 Skilled independent visa (Pointed Tested Stream)</p>	<p>Subclass 190 Skilled nominated visa</p>
<p>Eligibility</p>	<p>Must nominate the occupation Medical Practitioners NEC [253999]</p> 	
<p>Processing</p>	<p>75% of applications: 24 months</p>	<p>75% of applications: 9 months</p>

time	90% of applications: 35 months	90% of applications: 19 months
Length of visa	Permanently	Permanently
Cost	From AUD4,115	From AUD4,115
Note	<p>Very competitive - applicants need high points to be invited to apply for Visa 189</p> <p>https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-independent-189</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Less competitive than Visa 189 - State-specific which usually favours applicants who are already living and working in that state - Requires that the state you are planning to work in has a skills shortage for "Medical practitioner NEC"- Check here for updated lists - After granted, applicants are usually required to live, study and work in that state for 2 years <p>https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing/skilled-nominated-190</p>
Points calculator	<p>Calculate your points here</p> <p>Points are calculated based on various factors such as age, qualifications, English level, etc.</p>	
Improve your points	<p>Maximise scores in IELTS, PTE or any recognised English tests</p> <p>Taking the Credentialed Community Language (CCL) Test if bi- or multi-lingual. Check here for more information</p> <p>Graduating from a rural university</p> <p>Having a Master in research or PhD</p> <p>Internship year is counted as 1 year work experience which gives extra points</p>	

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VISA OPTIONS SUMMARY

This is a summary of types of visa at different stages in your medical career. This should only be used as a rough guide on possible visa application pathways as each application varies due to different circumstances.



ENGLISH REQUIREMENT

VISA English requirements:

Subclass 485

- **Graduate Work stream / Post-Study Work stream:** You are exempted from English requirements if you hold a passport from Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, United Kingdom, United States of America. Otherwise, you need proof for English proficiency.

Subclass 482

- You are exempt from needing to prove English language proficiency if you:
 - a) Hold a passport from Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, United Kingdom, United States of America
 - b) Completed at least 5 years of full-time study in at least a secondary level institution and where most classes were in English

Subclass 407

- Applicants are required to have [Functional English](#)

Subclass 189/190 (permanent residency)

- Applicants are required to have [English competency](#)
- You are exempt from needing to prove English language proficiency if you are a citizen of and hold a valid passport issued by the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada, New Zealand or the Republic of Ireland, with your application.

AHPRA English requirements

Check the English language proficiency requirements [here](#). Students are advised to sit the English tests at their earliest convenience. To summarise, you either:

1. Completed primary, secondary and tertiary education in a **recognised country* OR**
2. 2 years of secondary + tertiary education in a **recognised country* OR**
3. 6 years of continuous study in a **recognised country* OR**
4. Received a minimum score in an english proficiency exam
 - a. Exam completed within the last 2 years OR
 - b. More than two years before the date you lodge your application for registration if, in the period since the test result was obtained, you:
 - i. have been continuously enrolled in a Board-approved program of study (which commenced within 12 months of the date of the test) and undertook subjects in each semester, with no break from study apart from the education provider's scheduled holidays, and
 - ii. lodge your application for registration within 12 months of completing the Board approved program of study (ie. med school in Australia).

***Recognised country:** Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom, or United States of America

JUNIOR DOCTOR TRAINING PROGRAM (JDTP)

Overview

The Junior Doctor Training Program – Private Hospital Stream (JDTP), previously known as the Commonwealth Medical Internship (CMI), is a federally funded initiative for **full-fee paying international students who have completed their entire medical education in Australian universities**. It supports PGY1-3 placements for medical graduates in private hospitals across Australia, with all doctors completing at least one rural rotation.

Through an Expression of Interest process, junior doctors are able to express interest for Private Hospital Stream PGY1 funded internship placements. The EOI process is available after states and territories have offered and filled their internship placements.

List of Participating Hospitals

The following private hospitals are funded from 2020-2023 for up to 115 (2022) internship positions:

- Mater Misericordiae Limited Queensland through
 - Mater Health Services North Queensland (delivering PGY 1 places)
 - Mercy Health and Aged Care Central Queensland through Mater Private Hospital Bundaberg, Friendly Society Private Hospital Bundaberg, Bundaberg Base Hospital Bundaberg, Mackay Base Hospital Mackay and Mater Misericordiae Hospital Mackay (delivering PGY 1, 2 and 3 places)
- Greenslopes Private Hospital, Queensland (delivering PGY 1, 2 and 3 places)
- Calvary Health Care Riverina, New South Wales (delivering PGY 2 places)
- Mater Hospital Sydney (delivering PGY 1 places)
- St Vincent's Private Hospital Sydney (delivering PGY 1 places)
- MQ Health, New South Wales (Macquarie University Hospital) (deliver PGY 1 places)
- St John of God Ballarat Hospital, Victoria – Grampians Intern Training Program (delivering PGY 1 places)
- Ramsay Health Care, Western Australia (Joondalup) (delivering PGY 1, 2 and 3 places)

The PHS will also support around 80 places (2022) for PGY 2 and 3 junior doctors.

Eligibility

Under the PHS, participating private hospitals must prioritise eligible international full fee paying medical graduates from onshore Australian medical schools (referred to as 'Priority One' category). Should the PHS places not be filled with applicants from the Priority One category, private hospitals may recruit eligible applicants with provisional registration (referred to as 'Priority Two' category).

Priority One category will be allocated to onshore Australian-trained final year medical students who are eligible for an internship under the PHS. Final year medical students must meet all of the following eligibility criteria to be considered:

- Be a full-fee paying international student completing your medical degree in the current calendar year from a medical school in Australia, having completed all your medical degree in Australia (university-approved, short-term elective rotation completed overseas are allowed)
- Have met the Medical Board of Australia (MBA) English language proficiency requirements for registration purposes
- Not an Australian Citizen
- Commit to obtaining an appropriate visa to work in Australia during the internship year (refer to the [Department of Home Affairs](#) website for details).

Priority Two category will be considered when the list of Priority One applicants is exhausted and there are vacant PHS internship positions available. Priority Two applicants must meet all of the following eligibility criteria to be considered:

- Have met MBA provisional registration requirements as a medical practitioner
- Have met the MBA English language proficiency requirements for registration purposes
- commit to obtaining an appropriate visa to work in Australia during the internship year (refer to the [Department of Home Affairs](#) website for details).

Ineligibility

Applicants are **NOT** eligible for a placement under the PHS if they:

- Do not meet the Priority One or Priority Two eligibility criteria
- Have accepted an internship position from a state or territory government

The EOI process for 2024 is expected to commence in the second half of 2023. Information regarding the process will be updated on the PHS website at:

<https://www.health.gov.au/initiatives-and-programs/junior-doctor-training-program/private-hospital-stream>.

Further enquiries can be directed here PHS.2023@health.gov.au

ISN will host its JDTP info webinar in the second half of the year. This will involve current junior doctors who have been through the JDTP program sharing their insights and tips for the application process. Keep a lookout for the link that will be posted on our Facebook page!

CARMS - CANADIAN APPLICATION GENERAL ADVICE

What is CaRMS?

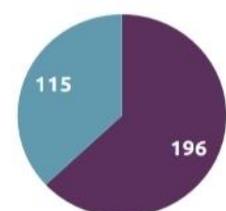
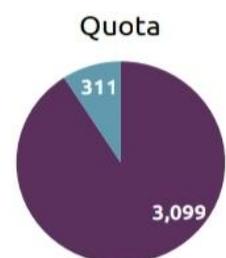
- If you are Canadian or you would like to go to Canada for residency then you need to apply via CaRMS.
- The Canadian Resident Matching Service (CaRMS) is a not-for-profit organisation that works with medical schools across Canada to help with residency matching and provide a computer-based matching system for students applying for postgraduate medical training.
- The match system is algorithm based, and the CaRMS system allows medical graduates to enter their preferences and program directors to choose applicants that best suit their programs needs based on the algorithm.
- In Canada after graduating from Medical school, you can directly enter a training pathway which can vary anywhere from 2-6 years on average. During the residency period you will rotate through clinical experiences in various specialties, gaining hands-on knowledge which will allow you to eventually practise medicine without supervision.
- The highest matches are often in Family Medicine and Internal Medicine and when you apply as an Australian Medical School Graduate will be considered an IMG even if you are a Canadian Citizen.

2022 Intake Snapshot

2022 R-1 match national highlights

First iteration						
Applicant type	Current year graduates			Previous years graduates		
	Matched	% Matched	Unmatched	Matched	% Matched	Unmatched
CMG	2,644	93.7%	177	70	88.6%	9
USMG	11	68.8%	5	1	100.0%	0
IMG	97	82.9%	20	276	27.0%	745

Second iteration							
Applicant type	Current year graduates			Previous years graduates			
	Matched	% Matched	Unmatched	Matched without prior PG training	Matched with prior PG training	% Matched	Unmatched
CMG	96	73.3%	35	6	28	56.7%	26
USMG	0	0.0%	2	0	0	0.0%	1
IMG	10	66.7%	5	55	1	8.2%	625



■ Filled ■ Unfilled

The Matching Process

How The Match Algorithm Works:

If you have never participated in the Match process when head over to the CaRMS website and you will need to register for the 2024 R1 intake. The entire process for 2023 intake started around October 2022 and Match Day was March 22, 2023.

The Following Information Is From BEMO Consulting Firm:

There are two iterations of the CaRMS match offered each cycle: the first iteration includes the R-1 Main Residency Match, as well as separate matches for subspecialties in internal medicine, family medicine and pediatric medicine. Only applicants who have received no previous postgraduate training are eligible for the R-1 Match. The second iteration is for applicants who did not match in the first iteration and gives programs a chance to fill any remaining vacancies with applicants who went unmatched.

IMGs and USMGs from DO schools will need to meet two additional requirements. First, you must have either written or be scheduled to write the NAC OSCE by September before the Match cycle begins. Second, you must have either written or be scheduled to write the MCCQE Part I by November before the start of the Match cycle. These are qualifying examinations that all medical students in Canada must write prior to starting their postgraduate training.

Further Documents

Other than meeting the pre-requirements with the exams, applicants also need to often provide CVs, referees, transcripts, language or other test scores etc.

Residency Ranking

Once you have all the paperwork and test scores ready you will apply for Match via CaRMS and then rank your choices for residency specialities according to your preference and wait for your file review and match.

Information Reference

1. CaRMS website
2. BEMO consulting

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

The information presented here has been verified to the best of the Authors' abilities. Please see documentation from the appropriate organisation to ensure you have correct and up to date information as things can change!

Visas

- A. *What type of Visa am I eligible to apply to?*
- There are various routes - but it will depend on your situation. There are 3 common options:
 - The 482 ([Temporary Skill Shortage Visa](#))
 - 485 ([Graduate Work Stream Visa](#))
 - Can still apply if you got your 1st student visa before 2011 (based on anecdotal statements on ISN Facebook page)
 - 407 ([Training Visa](#))
 - Or you can take the PR route (if you meet the points requirements and select occupation "Medical practitioner NEC"):
 - [Calculate your points here](#)
 - 189 ([Skilled Independent Visa](#))
 - 190 ([Skilled Nominated Visa](#))
 - Requires that the state you are planning to work in has a skills shortage for "Medical practitioner NEC" - Check [here](#) for updated lists
- B. *How can I get more points for the 189/190 visa?*
- Take an English language test and get a great score
 - Internship work counts towards Australian Employment
- C. *The visa application asks for a skills assessment. What assessment do I need to do?*
- No formal assessment is required as you have a licence
 - Select "Skills assessment not required / Australian registration/ licence held"
 - To select this option, you will require:
 - AHPRA registration [See how to do this bellow]
 - Proof of 2 years of clinical experience - which can be provided in the form of a letter of support from your clinical schools
- D. *What is the English requirement when applying for a visa?*
- 482 Visa
 - See full details [here](#)
 - You are exempt from english requirements if:
 - (a) Hold a passport from a recognised country OR

- (b) Completed at least 5 years of full-time study in at least a secondary level institution and where most classes were in English.
- Recognised countries: Australia, Canada, New Zealand, Republic of Ireland, South Africa, United Kingdom, United States of America.
- Alternatively, you will need to obtain an acceptable grade within 3 years of the visa application in an [English language test](#) [AHPRA registration requires the test be conducted within 2 years]
- 189/190 - requires "[English competency](#)"
 - You are a citizen of and hold a valid passport issued by the United Kingdom, the United States of America, Canada, New Zealand or the Republic of Ireland, with your application ; or you have an obtained one of the following English language test results
 - You can get extra point if you get a high score on the language tests

E. What other documents do I need for my visa application?

- Find info on documents under "Gathering documents"
 - 482: List [here](#)
 - 189: List [here](#)
 - 190: List [here](#)
- Health checks are only valid for one year - so you may need to repeat it
- Providing evidence of skills: write up a letter with all your placements and get it signed.

For example:

As part of the application for the 482 Short Term Skills Visa, applicants are required to provide evidence of having skills, qualifications and at least 2 years of experience in the occupation they have been nominated for.

This letter endorses [redacted] (Student ID: [redacted], DOB: [redacted]) as having completed the following clinical placements in the [redacted] Hospital [redacted] network and associated clinical schools as part of the Bachelor of Medical Studies/Doctor of Medicine degree at the University [redacted]. This training and final clinical assessments may serve as evidence of relevant experience for her subsequent employment in [redacted] as an Intern (PGY1) and resident (PGY2).

Clinical Placements	
Date	Placement
9 Jan - 3 Feb 2017	Intensive Care Unit, [redacted]
6 Feb - 3 Mar 2017	Neurology, [redacted]
6 Mar - 31 Mar 2017	Vascular Surgery, [redacted]
3 Apr - 28 Apr 2017	Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery, [redacted]
8 May - 30 Jun 2017	Psychiatry, [redacted]
10 Jul - 1 Sep 2017	Paediatrics, [redacted]
11 Sep - 3 Nov 2017	Obstetrics and Gynecology, [redacted]
20 Nov 2017 - 2 Mar 2018	Summer/Elective Term
5 Mar - 30 Mar 2018	Cardiology, [redacted]
9 Apr - 4 May 2018	Emergency Medicine, [redacted]
7 May - 1 Jun 2018	Gastroenterology, [redacted]
4 Jun - 29 Jun 2018	Nephrology, [redacted]
9 Jul - 31 Aug 2018	General Practice
8 Oct - 26 Oct 2018	Geriatric Medicine, [redacted]
29 Oct - 16 Nov 2018	Vascular Surgery, [redacted]

- F. *I have submitted my application for a visa, but it has not been processed, and my student visa has expired. What should I do?*
- If your student visa has expired, you can apply for a [Bridging A](#) while your “substantive visa” application is being processed, which allows you to continue living in Australia.
 - If you would like to leave the country while your “substantive visa” is being processed, you will need to apply for a [Bridging B](#) visa
- G. *Can I leave the country while my visa is being processed?*
- If your student visa is still valid, and you have submitted your application for a “substantive visa”, you can apply for a [Bridging B](#) which allows you to remain in Australia, and travel (with some restrictions)

[Registration](#)

- H. *How do I apply for Provisional Registration with AHPRA?*
- Final year medical school students can apply for provisional registration six weeks from completing their medical course and this can be done by completing an [online application](#).
 - More info can be found on the [AHPRA website](#).
- I. *How can I get a Medicare Provider Number?*
- If you trained in Australia, AHPRA will automatically send [Services Australia](#) your details. They will then email you and tell you how to get your provider number using Health Professional Online Services (HPOS).
 - You will then need to create a Provider Digital Access (PRODA) account and link it to HPOS. You can then apply for your provider number when you get your email.
 - You can apply for a prescriber number at the same time.
- J. *What documents do I need when applying for Provisional Registration?*
- For information on documents please see AHPRA website
 - Make sure the relevant documents are [certified](#) and [translated](#)

In general, you will need:

- Criminal history check:
 - Australian: Will be performed by AHPRA
 - [Overseas](#): If you have lived in another country for more than 6 consecutive months as an adult
 - Can apply to: [Fit2Work](#) or [AIS International](#)
 - Valid for 3 months - so time it to when you will be submitting your application (turn around time to Fit@Work is less than a week)
- [Proof of identity](#)
- Proof of degree awarded

- Pay the registration fee (\$398 in all states except NSW; \$353)
- There is a section requiring:
 - Recency of practice -not required as an intern
 - [Professional indemnity insurance](#) - if working in the public sector- this is covered by your employer
- English language proficiency ([link here for PDF](#) of requirement - there are a lot of exceptions/ exemptions, so check which category you call into)

But basically, you either need to:

(a) Completed primary, secondary and tertiary education in these countries:

- Australia
- Canada
- New Zealand
- Republic of Ireland
- South Africa
- United Kingdom, or
- United States of America.

(b) 2 years of secondary + tertiary education in a recognised country

(c) 6 years of continuous study in a recognised country

(d) Received a minimum score in an english proficiency exam

- Exam completed within the last 2 years OR
- “More than two years before the date you lodge your application for registration if, in the period since the test result was obtained, you:
 - 1. have been continuously enrolled in a Board-approved program of study (which commenced within 12 months of the date of the test) and undertook subjects in each semester, with no break from study apart from the education provider’s scheduled holidays; and
 - 2. lodge your application for registration within 12 months of completing the Board approved program of study (ie. med school in Australia).”

[Overseas Health Coverage](#)

K. *What do I need to do for health coverage?*

- If you have OSHC cover (that was required with your student visa)- you can claim the remaining balance.
- Overseas Health Coverage (OVHC) is required when on a 485 visa - look online for the best insurer for you.

[Internship Applications](#)

L. *What do I need to know about the Junior Doctor Training Program Private Hospital Stream?*

- For applications form and more information, see the [Department of Health website](#)
 - Contains information of inclusion/ exclusion criteria and application information
- Some other info about the JDTP program:
 - Application are usually due in Mid September
 - Offers usually come out in Late October
 - Hospitals that were involved in this stream in 2019 included:
 - Mater Health Services North Queensland
 - Mercy Health and Aged Care Central QLD
 - MQ Health (Macquarie University Hospital)
 - St John of God Ballarat Hospital
 - Mater Hospital Sydney
 - St Vincent's Private Hospital Sydney
 - Ramsay Health Care WA (Joondalup)
 - Greenslopes Private Hospital

Miscellaneous

M. What about Tax?

- Income Tax
 - Tax declaration Form
 - "Are you an Australian resident for tax purposes or a working holiday maker?" - answer Yes
 - "Do you want to claim the tax-free threshold from this payer?" - answer Yes

N. What is the 10-year moratorium?

More info:

<https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/health-workforce/medicare-billing-restrictions/section-19ab>

- International medical graduates are restricted in where they can work in Australia and access Medicare billing benefits.
 - Set out by section 19AB of Australia's Health Insurance Act 1973
- Applies to FGAMS (enrolled in a degree in Australia or New Zealand as a temporary resident) & IMS (got your degree outside of Australia or New Zealand)
- Under 19AB, you must work in a [Distribution Priority Area](#) (DPA) if you're a GP, or a [District of Workforce Shortage](#) (DWS) if you're a non-GP specialist, for at least 10 years.
 - Varies for different states, specialty and location
 - Health Force Locator: https://www.health.gov.au/resources/apps-and-tools/health-workforce-locator/health-workforce-locator?fbclid=IwAR1P46SOfOuRMO19v1T5B7llsBxPj_EugvpFGhKkzJK38wWnE2XkMr5hlhc

- More info on 19AB:
<https://www.health.gov.au/health-topics/health-workforce/medicare-billing-restrictions/section-19ab>
- The 10 year period starts from the first day of medical registration.
- The moratorium and 19AB restrictions will end after 10 years if you are a permanent resident or citizen.
- If you remain a temporary resident, your moratorium continues until you become a permanent resident or citizen.
- RACGP Advocacy & Position Statement:
<https://www.racgp.org.au/advocacy/position-statements/view-all-position-statements/health-systems-and-environmental/10-year-moratorium>

O. What are some Visa choices after Internship Year

Visa List: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/visas/getting-a-visa/visa-listing>

- a. Visa 485 (18 months from application grant date)
 - Post-Study Work Stream and Graduate Work Stream differences
 - Does not require employer sponsorship
 - Clarified alternative/feasibility of visa for those who were granted visa after 5 Nov 2011
 - PR pathway: 186 after 3 years with 485 but more difficult and longer PR approval compared to 482?
 - Occupation nomination: Medium long term list (general medical practitioner - 253111) - RMO e.g intern not listed (253112)

- b. Visa 482 (24 months)
 - Alternative for 485
 - BUT requires hospital sponsorship - ~5K per application
 - Post-graduation - TSS short term for 2 years (intern and residency)
 - Renewal - PGY3 and 4 - JMO
 - MAX 4 years
 - THEN: medium/long term TSS 482
 - Another 4 years
 - After 3rd year - can apply for PR

VISA requiring Employer Nomination:

- c. Visa 186
 - Need to have 482 for 3-4 years
- d. Visa 189 - RMO not on medium/long term skilled occupation list
- e. Visa 190
 - As RMO
- f. Visa 491 - allow PR after 3 years working in regional areas?
- g. Visa 407

- Hospital preference, difficulty applying, ideal date for application (in reference to student visa ending date), Visa grant date (Feb-April?), relevant work experience (clarified that clinical placement during med school not considered), points requirement
- Each state has different selection criteria
- PR pathway for each visa
- Application process - eoi with points, ranked monthly, highest point get invited