



2027 PGY2 Pre-Match Information Guide (Current 2026 Interns)

This pre-match application process is for current interns who wish to continue working at Western Health in 2027. If interns are continuing or offered a pre-match PGY2 Hospital Medical Officer (HMO) position, they will not be eligible to participate in the PMCV match.

If you wish to be considered for a Hospital Medical Officer position at another health service, you must resign from your position at Western Health, with your last day being the end of the clinical year and apply through the PMCV match process.

For further information on the PGY2 Match rules, please see the PMCV website:

[2026 PGY2 Match – PMCV](#)

Key Contacts

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PGY2 Rotations available at Western Health:

- Addiction Medicine/Gastroenterology
- Anaesthesia
- Colorectal Surgery
- Dermatology/Rheumatology
- Emergency Medicine (Adults & Paediatrics)
- Ear Nose Throat/Ophthalmology
- GEM / Subacute
- General Surgery
- Intensive Care Medicine
- Obstetrics & Gynaecology
- Orthopaedic Surgery
- Orthogeriatrics
- Paediatric Medicine/Paediatric Emergency Medicine
- Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery
- Psychiatry
- Radiology
- Rehabilitation Medicine
- Thoracic Surgery
- Upper Gastrointestinal Surgery
- Urology
- Vascular Surgery

Note: available rotations may be subject to change.

What is the Pre-Match?

Most health services offer a streamlined process for interns who wish to continue working at their current health service in an HMO position. Pre-match applicants will be considered and appointed *prior* to considering applicants in the PMCV match process. Pre-match applications make the job-seeking process more efficient for junior doctors who wish to remain at their current health service and makes recruitment more efficient for the health service.

We understand that trainees may wish to apply for and be considered for other positions simultaneously, for a variety of reasons. You are under no obligation to enter the pre-match application process. Your application will be considered entirely without prejudice and on the basis of merit alongside all other applicants if you prefer to apply in the external application round via the PMCV match, however you cannot pursue both application processes simultaneously.

Please be aware that the practice of offering pre-match positions is widespread across the state, which means the pool of jobs available via the PMCV match is smaller than you might expect. This is an unintended



consequence of the system. We encourage you to do your research in terms of the availability of positions at the health service(s) you apply to.

We support you and encourage you to make the best choices for your career, and we celebrate you continuing your training pathways whether it's locally with Western Health or at another health service.

Pre-Match Application (Allocation) Process

- Western Health Intern to complete 'PGY2 Pre-match' survey by **COB Monday, 27th April 2026**.
- For interns wishing to continue in 2027 as a PGY2 who have a 2-year contract, no further action is required.
- Depending on your training goals and aspirations, career planning sessions will be scheduled for you to meet with the relevant DCT or DPE/DDPE in May and June 2026.

PMCV Matches and Rules

If you have accepted a pre-match offer from Western Health, you must not enter the PMCV match for equivalent PGY2 positions elsewhere

- PMCV will notify Western Health if any candidates holding a pre-match offer have applied through any of the state-wide matches.
- Candidates must either resign from their Western Health contract for 2027 or withdraw from the Match.

Other Recognised Training Position Applications

For pre-matched candidates who successfully obtain a recognised, higher level training position via external applications (e.g. paediatric JRMO), Western Health will release you from a pre-match HMO position you have accepted if the alternate position is at a demonstrably higher level of training, i.e. not a standard PGY2 year under the National Framework. Please advise us as soon as possible if this is the case, as we will need to recruit to the post you vacate.

Rotations

Once appointments are finalised, you will be provided with a set list of roster lines, consisting of four rotations across the year. These rotation allocations are approved by PMCV to meet the National Framework requirements, meaning you need to have experiences in type A (undifferentiated patients), type B (chronic illness) and C (acute care) across the year.

You'll be asked to rank the roster lines in order of preference (the process is similar to what happened in your intern year). All attempts will be made to match rotations to your training needs and career goals and provide a breadth of learning opportunities and clinical experience. This can be further discussed with your Director of Clinical Training, however not every request can be accommodated. Rotations are allocated fairly to maximise the best match for all HMOs in each stream.