



# Private Hospital Stream (PHS) - Expression of Interest (EOI) Internships 2026

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) for applicants

The FAQs provided below are specific to applicants applying for Postgraduate Year (PGY) 1 funded places under the 2026 PHS EOI recruitment process.

Please note, this document may be updated as and when required during the 2026 PHS EOI recruitment process.

### 1. When do applicants need to attain provisional registration?

Applicants applying under the 2026 PHS EOI recruitment process **must** meet all eligibility criteria under either the Priority One or Priority Two categories.

Applicants who are applying under the Priority Two category must have Medical Board of Australia (MBA) provisional registration as a medical practitioner to be considered under the 2026 PHS EOI recruitment process.

This requirement is in accordance with the PHS EOI requirements provided on the Department of Health's (the Department) website at [Private Hospital Stream | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](#).

Please contact the Department via email to [PHS2026@health.gov.au](mailto:PHS2026@health.gov.au) if you have any queries in regard to the Priority One and Priority Two eligibility criteria requirements.

### 2. What roles will be undertaken by the Department and PHS participating private hospitals during the 2026 PHS EOI recruitment process?

#### Department

The Department will undertake the following roles:

- accept the submitted PHS 2026 EOI Internship Form/s and seek clarification from applicants (if needed);
- consult with the National Intern Audit Manager (Health Education and Training Institute) to match applicants who have already received and accepted a State/Territory Government internship offer through rounds 1, 2 and 3, as these applicants are not **eligible** for the PHS; and
- provide the PHS participating private hospitals with a list of all applicants to help them commence the recruitment process.

#### PHS participating private hospitals

The PHS participating private hospitals will undertake the following roles:

- receive the applicant list from the Department and review eligibility;
- contact eligible applicants they are interested in short-listing for the recruitment process; and



- if deemed successful, offer PHS internships to eligible applicants.

### **3. Can applicants apply for a 2026 PHS Internship position after accepting a state offer?**

Applicants **must not** apply for a 2026 PHS Internship position if they have accepted an internship position offered by a State or Territory Government for 2026.

This requirement is in accordance with the PHS EOI requirements provided on the Department's website at [Private Hospital Stream | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](#).

Please contact the Department via email to [PHS2026@health.gov.au](mailto:PHS2026@health.gov.au) if you have any queries in regard to the application process for a 2026 PHS Internship position.

### **4. Can the Department accept PHS EOI Internship Forms submitted after the closing date?**

The Department will **not** accept PHS EOI Internship Forms if they are received after 5pm (Australian Eastern Daylight Time) on **Friday, 26 September 2025**.

Please contact the Department via email to [PHS2026@health.gov.au](mailto:PHS2026@health.gov.au) if you have any queries regarding the submission of the PHS EOI Internship Form.

### **5. Can applicants provide any supporting documentation when submitting the 2026 PHS EOI Internship Form?**

Applicants **do not** need to provide any supporting documentation when submitting their 2026 PHS EOI Internship Form to the Department.

PHS participating private hospitals will directly contact eligible applicants and request supporting documentation, if required.

This requirement is in accordance with the PHS EOI requirements provided on the Department's website at [Private Hospital Stream | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](#).

### **6. Can applicants contact the PHS participating private hospitals directly?**

Applicants are advised to **not make** direct contact with the PHS participating private hospitals.

The recruitment and offer period provided by the Department allows PHS participating private hospitals with enough time to contact eligible and successful applicants and to make offers of employment for PHS internships.

### **7. What is the timeframe for successful applicants to accept internship offers from the PHS participating private hospitals?**

Offers will be made by the PHS participating private hospitals from: **Monday, 20 October 2025 to Friday, 31 October 2025**.

PHS participating private hospitals will provide suitable applicants with up to 48 hours to accept/decline the internship offer being made through the 2026 PHS EOI recruitment process.

This requirement is in accordance with the PHS EOI requirements provided on the Department's website at [Private Hospital Stream | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](#).

If there are any queries regarding the timeframe to accept/decline offers, please contact the PHS participating private hospital that has offered the internship.



## **8. Can applicants accept multiple internship offers provided by the PHS participating private hospitals?**

The Department requests the applicants applying under the 2026 PHS EOI recruitment process not accept multiple offers.

The PHS participating private hospitals invest time and resources in the assessment of applications and make offers to eligible and suitable applicants. Accepting multiple offers by a suitable applicant disrupts this process and creates issues for the Department and PHS participating private hospitals.

Please advise the Department as soon as possible if you have received multiple internship offers via email to [PHS2026@health.gov.au](mailto:PHS2026@health.gov.au).

## **9. Who should applicants contact to get advice on obtaining a suitable visa to work in Australia during their internship year?**

Applicants can refer to the Department of Home Affairs website at <https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au>, for details regarding the requirements to obtain an appropriate visa to work in Australia during the internship year.

This is a mandatory requirement of the eligibility criteria for applicants who meet the Priority One and Priority Two category.

## **10. What should an applicant do if they choose to withdraw from their PHS internship position?**

The Department recognises that due to unforeseen circumstances some interns may have to withdraw from their PHS internship position offered by the participating private hospitals.

If an intern has to withdraw from a PHS internship position, they will need to:

- notify the PHS participating private hospital that offered them a PHS internship position as soon as possible; and
- contact and notify the Department of their decision via email to [PHS2026@health.gov.au](mailto:PHS2026@health.gov.au).

## **11. Does the 2026 PHS EOI recruitment process cover PGY2 and 3 funded places?**

The **2026** PHS EOI recruitment process **does not** include PGY2 and 3 funded places. The recruitment and employment arrangements for participating hospitals seeking to employ PGY2 and 3 junior doctors is determined by each hospital.

This requirement is in accordance with the PHS EOI requirements provided on the Department's website at [Private Hospital Stream | Australian Government Department of Health and Aged Care](#)