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# The South Australian Centralised Medical Internship Application and Allocation Process Guideline



2027 Clinical Year

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# Introduction

This document is the main source of information relating to applying for medical internship in South Australia through the **South Australian Centralised Medical Internship Application and Allocation Process (the Centralised Process)**. In this Guideline you will find out who can apply, what you need to apply, internship locations and the allocation process.

The internship job application link will be accessible on the front page of this document from **Tuesday 5 May 2026 until Thursday 4 June 2026**.

## The Centralised Process

The Centralised Process allows you to apply for internship across nine Local Health Networks (LHNs) within SA Health; three metropolitan and six rural. To apply through this process, you'll need to meet specific eligibility criteria and will be categorised based on where you studied and your citizenship or residency status, or visa type.

If you don't meet the criteria to apply through the Centralised Process, LHNs also advertise roles throughout the year on the **SA Health Careers** website. These positions are recruited directly by the LHNs, so their eligibility criteria may be different and can vary between jobs.

### Navigating the Guideline

You can use the contents page to navigate through the document. The bottom of each page contains a *Return to Contents Page* link. Any links within the document will also be underlined.

### Rural Intern Pathway

If you're passionate about rural medicine, you can apply for the **Rural Intern Pathway** as part of your application. Introduced in 2018, the Rural Intern Pathway was designed to support graduates keen on a country-based career. These positions offer diverse experiences in unique settings and include a strength-based selection process.

Check content in the peach-coloured boxes or marked **Rural Intern Pathway** throughout this Guideline for details.

### Graduated Overseas?

Graduates from **international medical schools** should look for information marked "**Graduated Overseas?**" throughout the Guideline for requirements specific to you.

## About SA Health

SA Health is the brand name for the health portfolio of services and agencies responsible to the Minister for Health and Wellbeing. This includes the Local Health Networks (LHNs), and Department for Health and Wellbeing (DHW). SA Health comprises all **public hospitals and health units across metropolitan and rural South Australia**.

SA Health is committed to protecting and improving the health of all South Australians by providing leadership in health reform, public health services, health and medical research, policy development and planning, and with an increased focus on wellbeing, illness prevention, early intervention and quality care.

## About the SA MET Unit

The South Australian Medical Education and Training (SA MET) Unit undertakes a range of functions for SA Health.

The SA MET Unit's Medical Workforce team coordinates two annual centralised application and allocation processes on behalf of South Australia's LHNs; **the South Australian Centralised Medical Internship Application and Allocation Process** and **Centralised Postgraduate Year 2 and Beyond (PGY2+) Expression of Interest Process**. These centralised processes allow applicants to submit one application and be considered for an internship at all LHNs or for multiple PGY2+ programs.

You can find more information on the [About Us](#) page on the SA MET website.

## Internship Overview

The intern year marks the transition from student to medical practitioner, providing supervised experience in applying theory to patient care. The Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (Ahpra) grants provisional registration for this period of practice.

Interns must complete at least 47 weeks of supervised clinical work across a minimum of four terms (10 weeks each) in different specialties. No more than 25% of time can be spent in one subspecialty, and no more than 50% in one specialty, ensuring broad exposure. These requirements are set by the [Australian Medical Council \(AMC\)](#) under the [AMC National Framework for Prevocational Medical Training](#).

Interns must gain direct clinical experience in the following *Clinical Care Categories*:

- Care of patients with undifferentiated presentations
- Peri-operative/procedural care
- Care of patients with chronic illnesses
- Care of patients with acute and critical illnesses

At year's end, the employing hospital certifies satisfactory completion of all rotations. Ahpra then grants general registration upon confirmation of satisfactory completion and other requirements.

View [Role Description](#) for internship in South Australia.

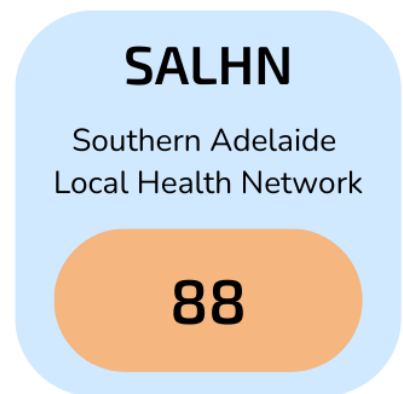
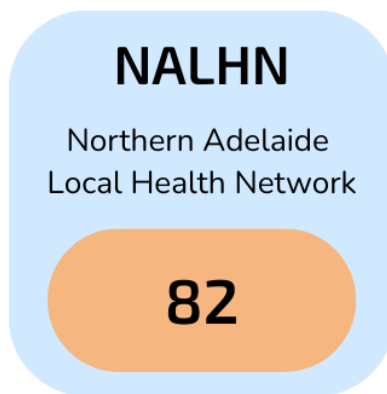
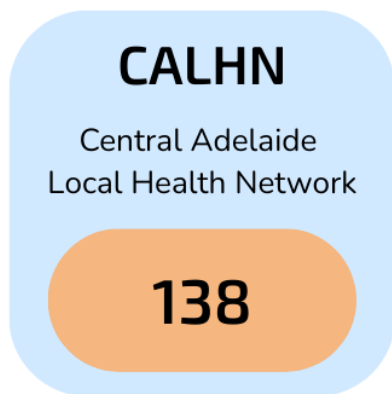
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## Explore South Australia's Local Health Networks

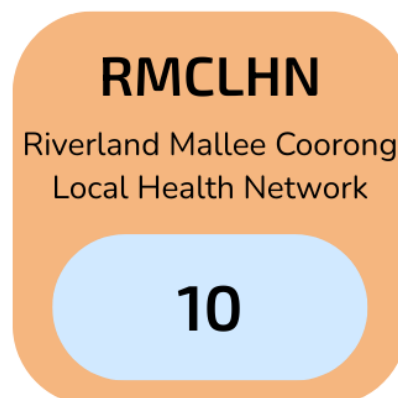
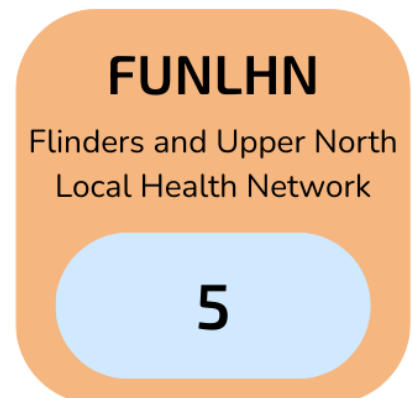
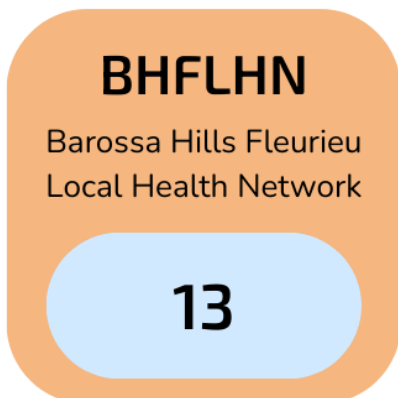
There are nine Local Health Networks (LHNs) in South Australia where you may undertake your intern year. Depending on your term rotations, you may request, or be required to undertake one or more rotations in any of the locations within the LHNs.

Below, you'll find the number of positions that were available at each LHN through the 2026 clinical year Centralised Process. You can find more statistics from previous years' processes in the SA MET Intern and PGY2+ Allocation Report, including how many applicants from each Category Group were matched to a position.

### Metro LHNs



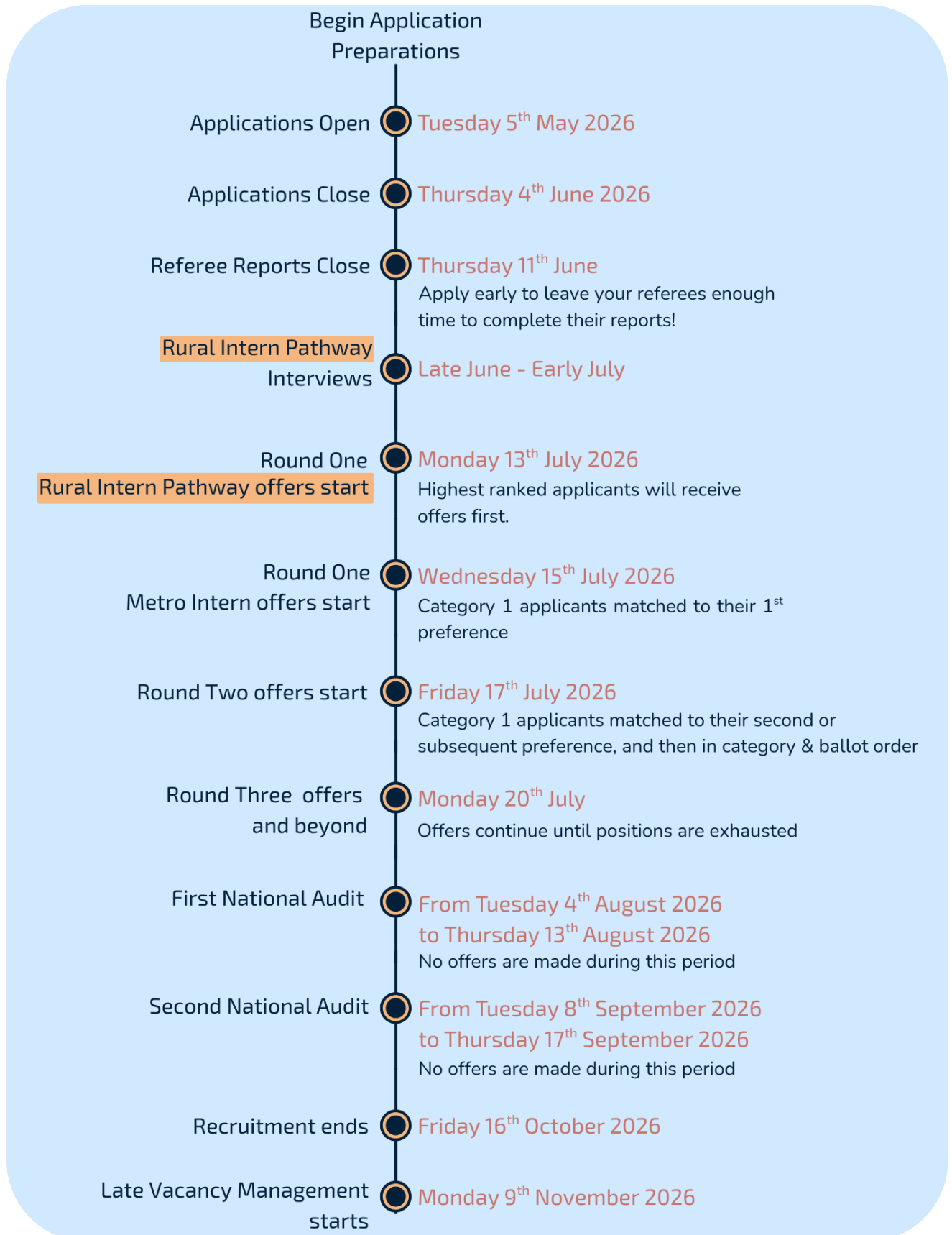
### Rural LHNs



# Important Dates

From **Tuesday 5 May 2026**, you may commence your application through the Centralised Process via the [SA Health Careers](#) website. A link to the application form will also be available on the front page of this document.

Make sure you're also aware of these important dates:



# Who can Apply?

## Eligibility Criteria

To apply for internship through the Centralised Process, you must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- ✓ Have completed medical school in the last 2 years
  - (2025 or 2026 for a 2027 internship)
- ✓ Have not COMMENCED OR COMPLETED an internship, or worked as a doctor in any capacity, in Australia, or overseas
- ✓ Hold Australian/NZ citizenship, permanent residency, or a visa allowing unrestricted work
  - Student visa holders must obtain an appropriate work visa before internship
- ✓ Demonstrate you'll be eligible for Ahpra registration before your internship starts
- ✓ Demonstrate you meet Ahpra's English Language Skills Registration Standard
- ✓ Be available for a January start\*, orientation, and 12-month contract
  - \* unless eligible for mid-year commencement.
- ✓ Submitted your online application via the SA Health Careers portal, with valid documents, by closing date.

Late applications **will not** be accepted.

The application will automatically establish your eligibility as you answer questions. Once you've submitted your application, it will be **manually verified** by the SA MET team to confirm you meet the criteria.

By submitting your application, you agree to the [Terms of Use](#) outlined at the end of this document.

### Graduated Overseas?

If your university was NOT accredited by the Australian Medical Council (AMC), you must also meet the following criteria to be eligible through the Centralised Process.

- Have already passed **AMC Part 1** to apply for the **Rural Intern Pathway**.
- OR
- Have already passed **AMC Part 1 and AMC Part 2** for a **Metro placement**.

Check your university's accreditation status [here](#).

If you don't meet the criteria to apply through the Centralised Process, LHNs also advertise roles throughout the year on the [SA Health Careers](#) website. These positions are recruited directly by the LHNs, so their eligibility criteria may be different and can vary between job.

# Local Health Network Pre-Employment Requirements

Within your application you'll be asked a small number of "yes/no" SA Health pre-employment screening questions.

If you receive a provisional offer through the Centralised Process, the LHN you're matched to will collect additional information. Before you're offered a contract by the LHN you **must comply with the following**:

- Verification of registration with Ahpra.
- Criminal history check and subsequent clearance.
- Health assessment.
- Verification of immunisation status.
- Credentialling.



You **will not** be able to commence your internship or employment with SA Health if these requirements are not satisfied.

In the event you're unable to meet these requirements, your position will be reallocated to another applicant, and you will not be offered another internship position through the Centralised Process. You'll need to reapply in the following year, if you're eligible.

You can find more information by contacting the LHNs directly, or on the [SA Health website](#). The links below will also be available in the application from:

- [Health care worker immunisation and screening requirements | SA Health](#)
- [Accredited bodies for National Police Certificate checks | SA Health](#)
- [Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency - Applying for registration](#)

## SA Health Employment and Term Dates for 2027

**Term 1:** Wednesday 13/01/2027 – Tuesday 06/04/2027 (includes compulsory orientation)

**Term 2:** Wednesday 07/04/2027 – Tuesday 15/06/2027

**Term 3:** Wednesday 16/06/2027 – Tuesday 31/08/2027

**Term 4:** Wednesday 01/09/2027 – Tuesday 09/11/2027

**Term 5:** Wednesday 10/11/2027 – Tuesday 18/01/2028

*Note – these dates are a guide only. Your Local Health Network will provide you with the exact dates.*

# Category Groups

Provisional offers for internships are allocated in the order of applicant Category Group:

## Category 1

Australian Citizens, Australian Permanent Residents and New Zealand Citizens

- 1.1. Medical graduates from a South Australian university who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- 1.2. Medical graduates from a South Australian university – Commonwealth-supported (HECS-HELP) or a SA Bonded Medical Scholarship Scheme (SABMSS)
- 1.3. Medical graduates from a South Australian university – full-fee paying.

## Category 2

Australian Citizens, Australian Permanent Residents and New Zealand Citizens

- 2.1. Medical graduates from an interstate university or New Zealand university who identify as Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander
- 2.2. Medical graduates from an interstate or New Zealand university who completed Year 12 in South Australia

Australian Temporary Residents and New Zealand Permanent Residents

- 2.3. Medical graduates from a South Australian university
- 2.4. Medical graduates from the University of Notre Dame Australia who graduated their final year in South Australia

## Category 3

Australian Citizens, Australian Permanent Residents and New Zealand Citizens

- 3.1. Medical graduates from an interstate or New Zealand university

## Category 4

Australian Temporary Residents and New Zealand Permanent Residents

- 4.1. Medical graduates from an interstate or New Zealand university

## Category 5

Australian Citizens, Australian Permanent Residents and New Zealand Citizens  
Australian Temporary Residents and New Zealand Permanent Residents

- 5.1. Medical graduates from an overseas university who completed Year 12 in South Australia
- 5.2. Medical graduates of an overseas university
- 5.3. Medical graduates who have spent two or more semesters in an overseas campus of an Australian or New Zealand University (e.g. Monash Sunway campus, UQ New Orleans campus)

# What do I Need to Apply?

In your application, you'll be asked to provide specific information. In this section, we'll cover everything you'll need to have ready, so the application process is quick and simple to complete.

## Mandatory Identification and Documents

### Proof of Identity and Residency Status

**Australian/NZ Citizens:** if you don't have an Australian/NZ passport\* you can provide your citizenship certificate or birth certificate, **AND** an official Government Photographic ID, such as a driver's licence or proof of age card. New Zealand Official Government Documents will also be accepted.

\* *Note: An Australian passport expired within last 3 years is acceptable per [Ahpra Proof of Identity Requirements](#).*

**International Citizens:** upload your passport and see the [supplementary documentation](#) section for more information. Your passport must be **CURRENT** and valid for at least 6 months from the application date.

### Documents

**University Transcript:** upload a copy of your university transcript that includes your:

- University name and/or logo,
- Name and course details
- Academic results

If you're graduating from an **Australian or AMC Accredited University**; you may provide an UNOFFICIAL copy of your academic transcript.

**Curriculum Vitae (CV):** your CV will be used by the LHNs as part of the selection process for the **Rural Intern Pathway**, and for the Metro LHNs to familiarise themselves with you if you are matched. A CV template is available in the [Doctors in Training](#) section of the SA MET website.

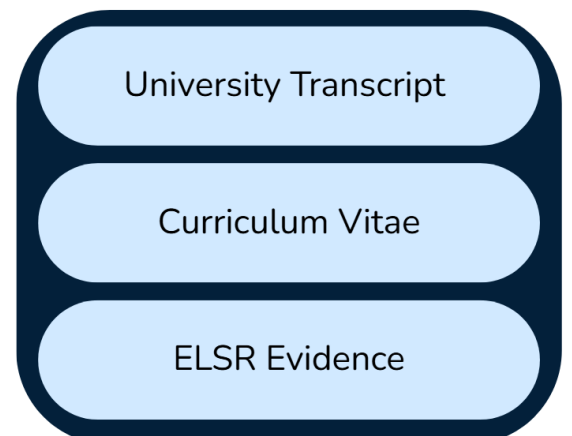
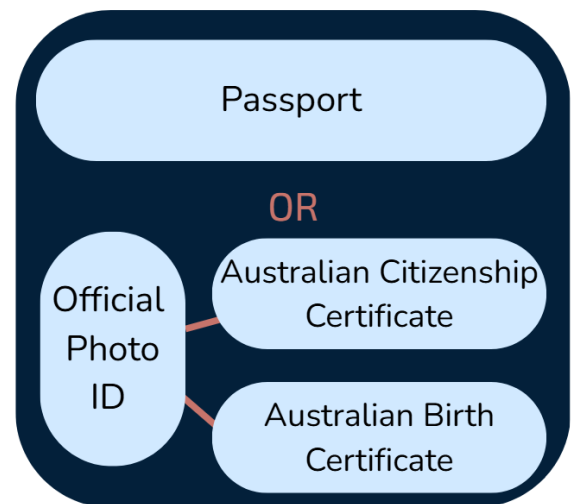
**English Language Skills Requirements (ELSR): All applicants** must demonstrate how you meet Ahpra's ELSR **to be eligible to apply**.

Evidence may include:

- University / school transcript (unofficial or official).
- English language test results.
- [A Table of Education](#) (see the [FAQs on the linked page](#))

You can use the [English language skills pathway selection tool](#) on Ahpra's website to determine which pathway you meet. It's important to note, Ahpra may require additional or different evidence when you apply for registration. Ensure you familiarise yourself with their requirements when it's time to apply for your provisional registration.

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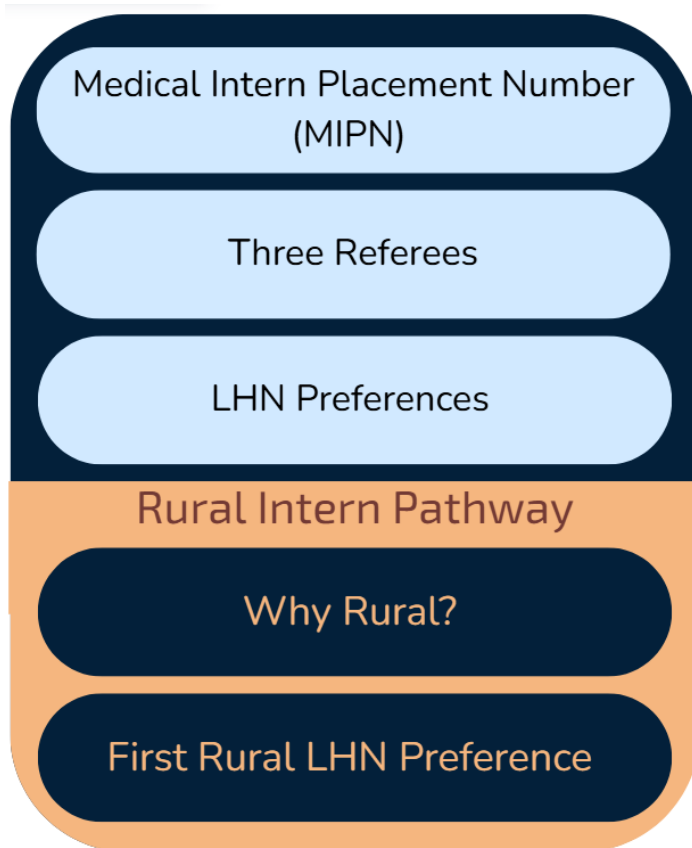


## Information to Prepare

**Your MIPN:** is generated by Ahpra and will be provided to all final year medical students by universities. *This is applicable to graduates from Australian Universities ONLY.*

**Referees:** You must provide contact details for three referees in your application to ensure at least two completed reports. Referees should ideally be experienced doctors or supervisors who have observed you clinically as a medical student.

- Referee reports are **required for credentialing** and must be completed using the official SA Health online form. **Pre-completed reports can't be accepted.**
- Confirm referee **email addresses** are correct; incorrect details mean requests will not be received.
- Reports must be completed **online** by **Thursday, 11 June 2026**. The earlier you submit your application, the longer your referees will have to complete their reports.
- Discuss with referees beforehand to ensure they agree and are available.
- Track responses via your **SA Health Careers applicant account** (e.g., status will be set to "Referees 1 and 3 complete").
- LHNs may contact referees for clarification.
- Reports are **confidential** and used only for the SA Health internship application process.



### Rural Intern Pathway

**Why Rural?** If you're applying for the Rural Intern Pathway, you'll be asked three short answer questions within the application form. Your responses help the selection panel understand your reasons for applying to a rural LHN. The questions are available on the SA MET website for you to review if you'd like to consider your answers before you start your application.

### Local Health Network Preferences

You need to nominate all nine LHNs in your preferred order – you can't preference any LHN more than once.

More information on each LHN can be found on the SA MET website, including the rotations you may be offered, the supervision and support you'll receive, and educational opportunities. Use this information to choose your order.

There is a [contact directory](#) on the SA MET website for each LHN's Medical Education Officers and support staff who can help answer questions that are specific to the LHN.

### Rural Intern Pathway

To be added to the Rural Intern Pathway, you need to have a **RURAL LHN** as your **FIRST PREFERENCE**.

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## Supplementary Documentation

Do you need to upload any of the following?

Change of name certificate

A letter of confirmation

Evidence of Year 12 in South Australia

Visa

Evidence of exceptional circumstances

**Change of name:** Evidence confirming a change of name (e.g. marriage certificate, divorce certificate, change of name by deed poll etc). This is only required if the name on your application is **different to your supporting documents, such as academic transcript, passport etc.**

**Evidence of year 12 in SA:** If you completed year 12 in South Australia you may be a category 2.2 or category 5.1 You'll need to provide evidence of your schooling, either an

academic transcript or letter from the school, or another document containing your name, school logo, and the years you attended, signed by a school official or other official person.

**Visa:** that includes your name, visa status and expiration date. **Note, we can't accept VEVO checks.**

**Letter of Confirmation:** If you're an Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, you may upload a copy of a 'letter of Confirmation' of Australian Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander heritage from an incorporated Indigenous organisation, which must be stamped with their common seal. Such evidence will support a priority appointment to an internship position.

**Evidence of Exceptional Circumstances:** You may be required to provide documents to support your *Exceptional Circumstances*. The [next section](#) will provide details on where this may be needed.

### Graduated Overseas?

You must also provide the following information:

A Statutory Declaration

If your university was NOT accredited by the Australian Medical Council, you must also provide the following:

Australian Medical Council (AMC) Exam Certificate/s

**Statutory Declaration:** you're required to upload a certified copy of a [statutory declaration](#) confirming you have never started an internship or worked as a doctor. An [example declaration](#) is linked.

The statutory declaration must be signed before a Justice of the Peace, a Commissioner for Taking Affidavits, or a

Notary Public. Any alterations must be initialled by both the applicant and the Justice of the Peace/recognised professional. Please visit the [Ahpra – Certifying Documents](#) webpage for more information about certifying documents including who can certify them in or outside Australia.

**Australian Medical Council (AMC) Exam Certificate/s:** If your medical school was **not accredited by the AMC**, you must upload a copy of your AMC exam certificate/s.

- Upload your AMC Part 1 certificate to prove eligibility for the Rural Intern Pathway.
- Upload your AMC Part 1 and 2 certificate to prove eligibility for a metro placement.

Visit the [AMC website](#) to confirm if your medical school is accredited.

You must have completed your exam/s before **applying** for through the Centralised Process.

# Special Considerations, Part-Time Appointments, and Mid-Year Commencement

## Special Considerations

Eligible applicants who can **demonstrate exceptional circumstances** may be eligible to apply for special considerations. Special considerations allow you to request a position with a specific LHN, or a place at a metro or rural site if you have exceptional circumstances that require you to work in a specific location.

In your application, you'll be asked if you would like to apply for special considerations, and to outline what you are applying for. You'll then be asked to provide evidence of your exceptional circumstances. These applications are assessed on a case-by-case basis by a review panel.

Once your application is verified, the review panel will assess your evidence and decide if your consideration is accepted. You will not be advised of the outcome of your *Special Consideration* request, and it will not affect the likelihood of you receiving an offer.

You will need to show that you meet the requirements outlined below. In many cases, you must also be able to provide evidence demonstrating why your circumstances are exceptional in nature. LHNs may request additional supporting documentation to help them understand your situation and make an informed decision.

### What is classified as an *Exceptional Circumstance*?



Illness



Pregnancy or Parental Leave



Caring commitments



Commute or transport issues



**Professional** sporting commitments



Desire to specialise



Dependants unable to relocate



Other reasons - case by case

## Mid-Year Commencement

The option to start your internship mid-year is only available if you're graduating from an Australian medical school that offers a mid-year commencement and completion of study (for example, Bond University in Queensland).

**!** You must have **commenced**, and be on schedule **to complete** your study mid-year to be eligible to commence your internship mid-year.

Mid-year internships typically start in **Term 3** (for example, in the 2027 clinical year, Term 3 begins on **16 June 2027**). LHNs may withdraw your internship offer if you can't start at the beginning of Term 3, or at another date you've negotiated with them. This includes situations where you can't commence due to:

- Failure to complete University course requirements
- Delays to registration with the Medical Board of Australia
- Other significant reasons that prevent you from starting on time

### How to apply for mid-year commencement:

If you're eligible for mid-year commencement you should:

- Submit your internship application during the national application period, and
- Indicate in the application form that you're eligible to start mid-year.

If you're offered a mid-year position, it's important to stay in regular contact with the recruitment team at your matched LHN. Let them know as soon as possible if anything changes that might affect your ability to start in Term 3.

**Note for candidates applying for January commencement:** If you accept a position with a January start date and then cannot commence your internship in January, it's your responsibility to contact the LHN directly to discuss whether they can accommodate the change. LHNs may withdraw your offer if you're no longer able to start in January.

## Part-Time Appointments

If you want to complete your internship part time, you can request this in your application. You'll be asked to explain why you're seeking a part-time arrangement, and you'll also have the option to nominate a job-share partner. For more detail on what information you may need to provide, see the [Part-time and Job-share information guide](#).

Requesting a part-time internship will not decrease your chances of being matched to an LHN. If you're matched to an LHN, they'll be notified that you've requested part-time hours. You'll then need to discuss and negotiate your proposed work pattern directly with the LHN.

Please be aware that part-time arrangements aren't guaranteed. If the LHN is unable to accommodate your request, they may need to withdraw your internship offer. SA Health reserves the right to request further documentation or evidence to substantiate information provided by applicants.

# Submitting Your Application

The application open and close dates are agreed to by all Australian states and territories and apply to all applicants applying for an intern position in Australia through centralised processes.

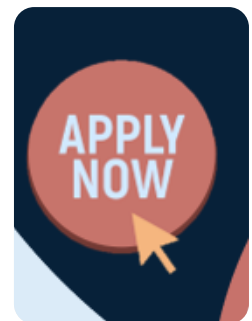
**!** Applications for the 2027 clinical year **open at 9:00am ACDT on Tuesday 5th of May 2026,** and **close at 5:00pm ACDT on Thursday 4th June 2026.**

To be considered for a position in South Australia through the Centralised Process, you must submit your completed application by the closing date.

**Late applications will not be accepted.**

## The Online Application Portal

You need to submit your application via the *SA Health Careers applicant portal*. A link to the applicant portal is available on the cover page of this document, on the [SA MET website](#), and on the [SA Health Careers website](#).



The application is divided into sections. Each section will request different information. Based on the answers you select, the form will adapt, and further questions will be asked based on your previous answers. Therefore, it is important you **read carefully each section** and double check you have provided the correct information. In some instances, you may answer questions different to your fellow colleagues due to your own personal circumstances. See [What do I need to apply?](#) to make sure you have your information ready to enter and upload.

You can navigate through the application using the hyperlinks at the top of the page.

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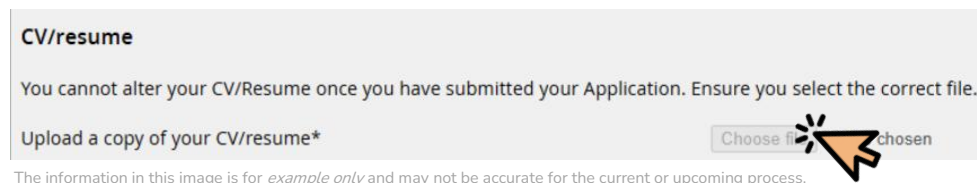


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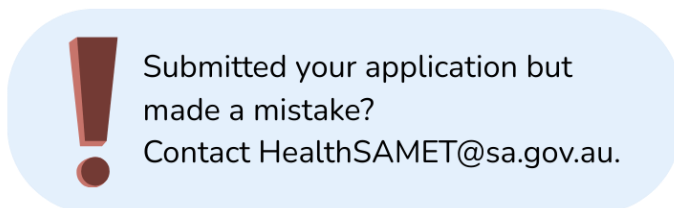
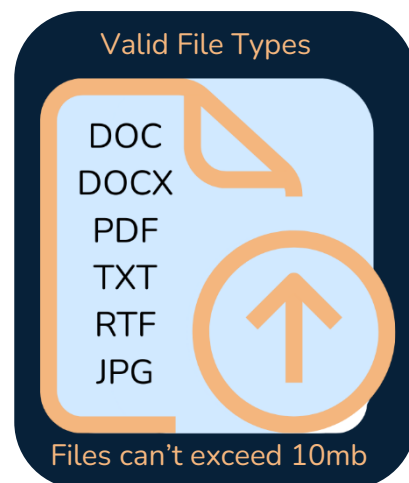
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When you're asked to upload a document or image, select the *Choose File* button and select the item you want to upload.



You must ensure that all information and supporting documentation in your application is complete and accurate by the closing date. Applications with incomplete information or missing documentation will not progress to the allocation process. If your application is assessed as incomplete, or ineligible after the closing date you will receive an automated email advising you of this.



## Local Health Network Preferences

As mentioned in the [Information to Prepare](#) section, you'll need to preference **all nine** LHNs in your application. Select your preferences using the dropdowns. **You can only preference each LHN once.** The form will allow you to preference LHNs more than once, however, during verification SA MET will contact you and require you to change the duplicate preference/s, and you will not be able to change any non-duplicates. Pay attention to the order, as once your application is submitted your preferences are final.

### South Australian Network Preferences

Please rank **ALL NINE** Local Health Networks (LHNs) in order of preference. Each LHN should **ONLY** be selected **ONCE**.

To be eligible for the Rural Intern Pathway you must have a Rural LHN as your **FIRST** preference. Please refer to the Rural Intern Pathway sections of the [Centralised Process Guideline](#) (all information is summarised on page 24).

Preference 1\*



## Rural Intern Pathway

To be included in the Rural Intern Pathway, you need to have a RURAL LHN as your **FIRST PREFERENCE**. Check the [SA MET website](#) for more information on each LHN.

## Graduated Overseas?

If your medical school was not accredited by the AMC and you have only completed the AMC part 1 exam, you **must** preference RURAL Local Health Networks in positions 1 – 6. Check the [Internship Eligibility Criteria](#) section for more information.

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# Communicating with You

To apply for internship through the Centralised Process, every applicant must have their own personal email address. This email address will be used to contact you for a variety of reasons.

SA MET or the LHNs may contact you by email for many different reasons including:

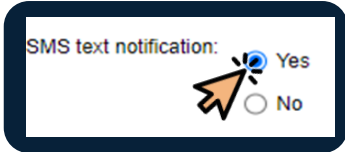
- Clarification regarding errors or discrepancy in your application
- Important updates or unexpected delays
- To offer you an interview for the Rural Intern Pathway
- **To provisionally offer you an internship position!**

**Make sure you have access to your emails and check them regularly.**

As all provisional offers are communicated to you via email, it is very important for you to have access to your email during the offer notification period.

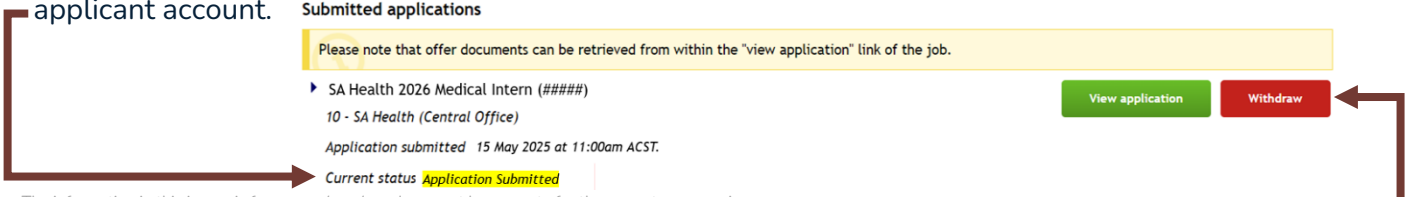
You'll be given **48 hours** to reply to accept or decline your provisional offer. If you don't have access to your emails during the offer period, we recommend asking a family member or friend to monitor your inbox for you. You may also wish to check your junk mail or spam folders.

SMS text messaging may also be used to communicate with you. If you wish to receive SMS text messages, please confirm your agreement in your application (on the first page of the form - select 'Yes' to receive SMS notifications).



## Checking the Status of Your Application

You can check the status of your application at any time by logging into your SA Health Careers applicant account.



The information in this image is for *example only* and may not be accurate for the current or upcoming process.

## Withdrawing Your Application

You can withdraw your South Australian application at any stage by logging into your [SA Health Careers](#) account and clicking the 'Withdraw' button next to your application.

If you accept a position and subsequently wish to withdraw, please email [HealthSAMET@sa.gov.au](mailto:HealthSAMET@sa.gov.au). If you receive an offer interstate and no longer wish to receive an offer from South Australia, you're required to withdraw your application as soon as possible.

Once you've withdrawn, you won't receive any further offers in South Australia through the Centralised Process.

# Verification, Allocation and Matching

## The Verification Process

As you complete your application, the system will automatically check whether you meet the eligibility criteria based on the answers you provide. If the application form automatically identifies that you are **ineligible** through the Centralised Process, the form will notify you when you attempt to move to the next page, or the next time you save.

As applications are submitted, The SA MET Unit begins the verification process. Every application is **manually verified**. The SA MET Unit Medical Workforce Team will check your application to ensure that the correct information has been provided, to verify your identity, and confirm you have uploaded all documentation.

Your referee reports will not be sent until your application has been verified. By submitting early, you allow your application to be verified sooner, which will allow your referees more time to complete their reports.

It is important that you check your emails regularly during the verification process as you may be contacted to provide additional information, or correct errors, if required. Again, check your spam or junk email folders regularly.

### What if I'm deemed ineligible during the verification process?

If the application form **automatically identifies that you are ineligible** through the Centralised Process, you'll be given the opportunity to continue completing a condensed version of the application. The SA MET Unit will then pass your application on to Local Health Networks (LHNs) for potential opportunities outside the Centralised Process.

This will also occur if your application is deemed ineligible during manual verification, however it will NOT be passed onto the LHNs if the SA MET Unit suspect misleading information has been provided, and/or you have made multiple unsuccessful attempts to apply.

There is **no guarantee** your application will be reviewed or considered by the LHNs, and you will **NOT** receive further updates from the Centralised Process.

Remember, if you don't meet the criteria to apply through the Centralised Process, LHNs also advertise roles throughout the year on the **SA Health Careers** website. These positions are recruited directly by the LHNs, so their eligibility criteria may be different and can vary between jobs.

## The Matching Process

Once you've submitted your application and it has been verified, you'll be placed into one of the [five Category Groups](#). Positions are then allocated using a randomised matching process within each category, unless you're applying for the Rural Intern Pathway.

### Rural Intern Pathway

The Rural Intern Pathway is a merit-based process. If you're on the Rural Intern Pathway, your information will be provided to the rural LHNs you preferred in positions 1 to 4.

The Rural LHNs will review your application, and **MAY\*** contact you for an interview.

The Rural LHNs will then provide SA MET with list of all applicants they've deemed appointable, in rank order. SA MET will match the ranked applicants to the available positions.

*\*Some LHNs may choose not to interview. Don't worry if you don't receive an interview request!*





**If you preferred a metro LHN as your first preference, or you're not ranked by a Rural LHN:** Starting with Category One, applicants are matched to their highest possible LHN preference until positions are exhausted. Intern allocations are dependent on the number of positions available at each LHN.

Provisional offers will initially be sent in three rounds. All intern positions will be filled in each round of offers and further offers will be made if positions become available due to applicants declining their offers / withdrawing their acceptance.

This will continue until the National Intern Recruitment process ends on the **16<sup>th</sup> of October 2026**.

Provisional offers of employment are **sent via email** through the online application system.

If you receive a provisional offer, you **must respond** via your SA Health Careers applicant account **by the date specified in your offer email**.

 If you don't respond in the stated timeframe, your offer will be automatically declined, and the position will be reallocated.   
 You will NOT receive another offer in South Australia through the Centralised Process. 

Applicants are only eligible to receive **one** offer for internship in South Australia through the Centralised Process.

# The Offer Rounds

## Round One Offers

Round one offers are divided across two dates, depending on pathway.

### Rural Intern Pathway

**Rural Intern Pathway offers commence Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2026.**

Offers for this pathway are sent to **ALL category groups** as early as round one. As declines are processed, more offers will be sent if there are still ranked applicants to accept offers.

**Metro pathway offers commence Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026 for CATEGORY 1 APPLICANTS ONLY.**

During round one, Category 1 applicants will begin to receive offers. Applicants are randomly selected and allocated to their **first** preference until all available positions are full, or all first preferences have been fulfilled.

**DURING ROUND ONE ONLY:** Some Category 1 applicants may not be matched to their first preference during round one. If you're a Category 1 applicant and you aren't matched to your first preference during round one, SA MET will email you and advise you that your offer is on hold until ROUND TWO.

As declines are processed, SA MET will rematch as many remaining Category 1 applicants to their first preference as possible.

## Round Two Offers: Category 1 and Category 2 applicants

**Round two offers will be sent on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of July 2026** to any remaining Category 1 applicants, regardless of which preference they have been matched too, and any matched Category 2 applicants.

## Round Three and Beyond

If positions are available, **round three offers will be sent on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> of July 2026.** Allocation matching continues via the ballot and in line with the [Category Groups](#). Positions will become available as applicants decline their offer or withdraw their acceptance. SA MET always endeavours to match applicants to their highest possible preference; however, withdrawals and declines will be processed as they occur.

## Category Group 5 Allocation Process

Once all applicants in Category 4 have received a provisional offer, the LHNs will have the opportunity to interview applicants from Category 5.

Offers to Category 5 applicants will only be made as withdrawals and declines are received and all applicants in the previous Categories have received an offer.

# National Audit of Intern Acceptances and Unplaced Applicants

The National Audit of Intern Acceptances and Unplaced Applicants was developed to minimise the number of unfilled vacancies at the start of the internship year resulting from some applicants accepting multiple positions across Australia.

Several audits occur throughout the allocation process to determine the number of applicants holding multiple acceptances. Applicants identified as having accepted multiple positions will be contacted and asked to select their preferred position within a reasonable timeframe. Applicants are required to make timely decisions about their offer(s) and are able to withdraw their South Australian application at any stage by emailing SA MET.

The aim is to ensure that all applicants have the most equitable and timely opportunity to obtain an internship position.



No offers will be sent by any Australian State or Territory during the National Audit periods.

## National Late Vacancy Management (LVM) Process

An audit is also undertaken to determine the number of applicants reported by jurisdictions as unplaced, to determine how many are still seeking an internship for the upcoming clinical year. Jurisdictions use this data late in the allocation process to focus recruitment efforts on unplaced applicants.

If you have not been matched to a position at the end of the allocation process, your name will be listed on the National Late Vacancy Management (LVM) list. The national intern recruitment closes on **Friday 16 October 2026** and the LVM process will commence on **Monday 9 November 2026**.

Only applicants who have NOT been made an offer in ANY state or territory (including the Junior Doctor Training Program Private Hospital Stream) will be placed on the national LVM list. If any vacancies arise after **Friday 16 October 2026**, the National LVM list will be consulted to ensure the next applicant to receive an offer has not received an offer previously. The LVM Process closes on **Friday 19 March 2027**.

The Late Vacancy Management process is **only open** to those who have applied to any state or territory in Australia during the national process. If you are not included in the LVM process and you would like to apply for a position in South Australia, you will need to apply directly to the LHNs.

### Graduated Overseas?

To be considered for a Late Vacancy Management position in South Australia, you must still meet the eligibility criteria outlined in this Guideline.

If you did not initially apply to South Australia, you may be asked to provide additional information or be required to interview before you are considered for a position through the LVM process.

# Swapping of Internship Positions

Two applicants in **Category 1** may request to swap each other's South Australian Local Health Network of initial allocation if they wish. Both applicants must agree to the swap and complete an agreement form.

Approval for a swap is not guaranteed and is always at the LHNs discretion.

Requests for swaps are assessed on a case-by-case basis. If one Local Health Network does not agree to the swap, the swap is denied and the original allocation will stand. If denied both applicants will be required to remain in their original Local Health Network to complete their internship.

The swap application process can commence after all offers have been finalised for Category 1 applicants. Requests for swaps must be finalised prior to the start of the applicants' internship year, and before employment contracts are issued.

**If one of the applicants fails to commence duty at the Local Health Network they swapped to, then the other applicant involved in the swap will be required to fulfil their intern year at their original posting.**

## How to apply for a Local Health Network swap

The following process must be followed.

- BOTH applicants requesting the swap must complete the **Intern Swap Application Form** and agree to the conditions. This form will be available on the SA MET website once offers commence.
- The forms will be compiled by SA MET and submitted to the involved LHNs for consideration.
- Both LHNs must agree to the swap.  
**Rural Intern Pathway – Applicants may be required to interview prior to a decision being made.**
- There is a 48-hour cooling off period once the swap is approved, after which the swap cannot be reverted unless one applicant does not commence their internship.
- SA MET will advise the applicants of the outcome via email.
- If approved, your SA Health Applicant account will be updated to reflect the swap.

## Swaps

Category 1 applicants only

Mutually agreed by both applicants

Approved by both LHNs

Finalised prior to issuing of contracts



If one applicant withdraws or is unable to commence their internship, the swap will be invalid and the remaining applicant will be required to go back to their original allocation.

# The Appendix

## The Centralised Process Flowchart

\* denotes a nationally set date

Applications OPEN\*: Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Applications CLOSE\*: Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Referee reports due: Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Rural Intern Pathway applicant details are provided to LHNs

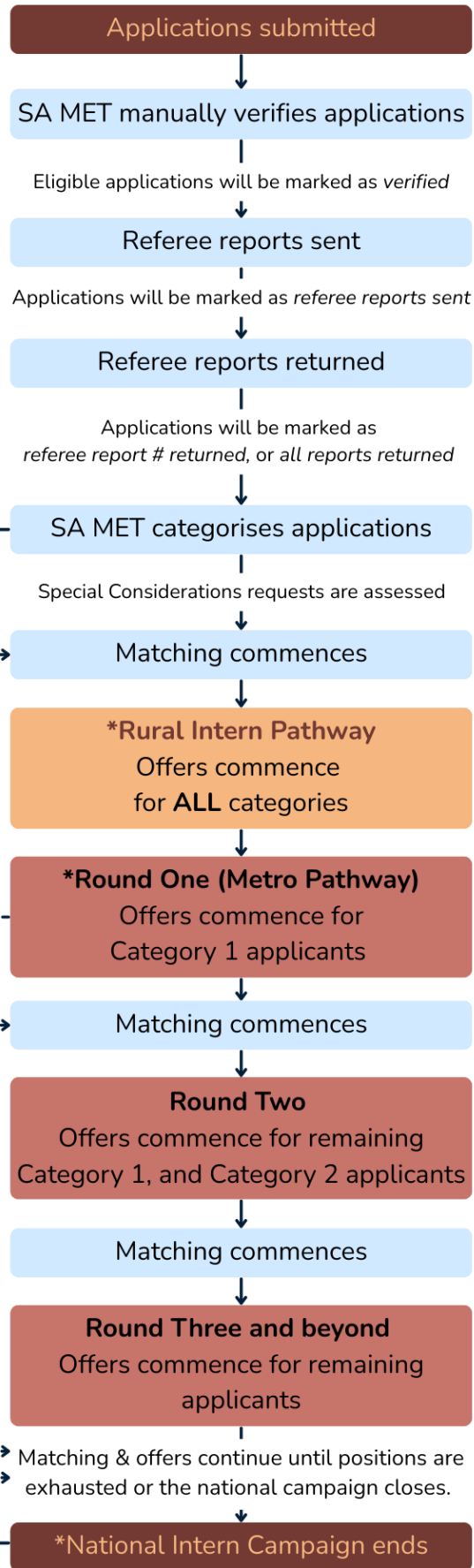
LHNs assess applications and can commence interviews

Rural Intern Pathway LHNs notify SA MET of appointable applicants

Category 1 applicants not matched to their first preference are notified

\*National Audit of Acceptances and Unplaced Interns takes place

\*Late Vacancy Management begins



## In Full: The Rural Intern Pathway

**The Rural Intern Pathway:** If you're passionate about rural medicine, you can apply for the Rural Intern Pathway as part of your application. Introduced in 2018, the Rural Intern Pathway was designed to support graduates keen on a country-based career. These positions offer diverse experiences in unique settings and include a strength-based selection process.

Check content in the peach-coloured boxes or marked Rural Intern Pathway throughout this Guideline for details.

### Explore the LHNs:

BHFLHN: Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network  
EFNLHN: Eyre and Far North Local Health Network  
FUNLHN: Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network  
LCLHN: Limestone Coast Local Health Network  
RMCLHN: Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network  
YNLHN: Yorke and Northern Local Health Network



**Curriculum Vitae (CV):** Your CV will be used by the LHNs as part of the selection process for the Rural Intern Pathway. A CV template is available in the [Doctors in Training section](#) of the SA MET website.

**Why Rural?:** If you're applying for the Rural Intern Pathway, you'll be asked three short answer questions within the application form. Your responses help the selection panel understand your reasons for applying to a rural LHN. The questions are available on the SA MET website for you to review if you'd like to consider your answers before you start your application.

**Preferences:** To be added to the Rural Intern Pathway, you need to have a **RURAL LHN** as your **FIRST PREFERENCE**.

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## Glossary

Acronym/Initialism	Definition
Ahpra	<u>Australian Health Practitioner Regulatory Agency</u>
AMC	<u>Australian Medical Council</u>
AMC Part 1	AMC Computer Adaptive Test (CAT) MCQ (Multiple Choice Question) Examination
AMC Part 2	AMC Clinical Examination
BHFLHN	Barossa Hills Fleurieu Local Health Network
CALHN	Central Adelaide Local Health Network
CY	Clinical Year - in this case, the year you are applying to commence your internship.
DCT	Director of Clinical Training
ELSR	<u>English Language Skills Registration Requirements</u> – set by Ahpra
EFNLHN	Eyre and Far North Local Health Network
JMO	Junior Medical Officer – see PGY1, PGY2+, TMO
FUNLHN	Flinders and Upper North Local Health Network
LCLHN	Limestone Coast Local Health Network
LHN	Local Health Network
LVM	Late Vacancy Management (process)
MEO	Medical Education Officer
MEU	Medical Education Unit
MIPN	Medical Intern Placement Number
NALHN	Northern Adelaide Local Health Network
PGY1	Postgraduate Year 1 (doctor) – typically referred to as an Intern. First year post graduation. Provisional Registration with Ahpra. In Australia is under the AMCs <u>National Framework for Prevocational Medical Training</u>
PGY2	Postgraduate Year 2 (doctor) - typically second year post graduation, after having completed an internship. Generally, has not commenced a vocational training program. General Registration with Ahpra. In Australia is under the AMCs <u>National Framework for Prevocational Medical Training</u>
PGY2+	Postgraduate Year 2 and Beyond (doctor) - the “+” symbol refers to “ <i>and Beyond</i> ”. This convention is typically used unless a doctor is in a vocational training program, for example PGY3+ etc.
RMCLHN	Riverland Mallee Coorong Local Health Network
SA MET	The South Australian Medical Education and Training Unit
SALHN	Southern Adelaide Local Health Network
TMO	Trainee Medical Officer – see PGY1, PGY2+, JMO
TOI	Transfer of Information (Guideline)
YNLHN	Yorke and Northern Local Health Network

# Transfer of Information Guideline

Setting you up for Success – A guideline to assist medical graduates into internship successfully.

The coming year provides you with a fantastic opportunity to successfully transition into internship. To achieve this the SA MET Health Advisory Council, Education Committee has developed the [Transfer of Information Guideline](#).

This guideline was developed to support the transition of medical graduates who are commencing internship.

This voluntary and confidential process is available for medical graduates to share information for the dual purpose of ensuring:

- The intern is well supported during transition and throughout their internship,
- Patient safety is always optimised.

This guideline uses a strengths-based approach to identify areas for development. It provides an opportunity for medical students to share their story with the employing Local Health Network (LHN) to facilitate successful and positive transition from medical school into internship.

- Examples where students feel an issue has impacted their studies, and may also impact their work needs or performance include:
  - Elite athlete status at university
  - An access plan at university
  - Identified specific performance areas of concern
  - Health issues which may impact work performance
  - Returning from prolonged leave of absence from university.

Medical students can choose to provide the transfer of information form directly to the employing LHN or to use the form as a guide for a confidential face-to-face discussion with the Director of Clinical Training (DCT) or Medical Education Officer (MEO) within the employing LHN.

Sharing this information with the employing LHN allows those who will be supporting you during this important year to have some insight into any areas where you may require extra support for a successful transition. This also ensures these supports are considered prior to the commencement of the intern year. Be assured, any information is treated confidentially.

If you would like further information, please see the [Transfer of Information Guideline](#) on the [SA MET website](#) or phone the SA MET Unit on 8226 7231.

# Terms of Use

The allocation process is administered by SA Health, represented by the South Australian Medical Education and Training Unit (SA MET).

The allocation system is not a guarantee of placement or employment. Applicants must meet all application requirements and eligibility criteria. All applications will be checked for eligibility prior to inclusion in the allocation process.

Applicants must provide complete, accurate information to be included in the centralised process. Applications may be terminated and/or the applicant removed from the centralised process if incomplete, false or misleading information is provided.

SA MET reserves the right to request further documentation to substantiate information provided by applicants.

SA MET may refuse applicants who:

- previously declined an allocated position,
- resigned from the LHN/hospital within six months of appointment, or
- were dismissed for serious misconduct or contract breaches.

Applicants must provide a valid email address and phone number for communication regarding their application. Applicants are responsible for ensuring contact details are accurate and current. While SA MET takes due care to ensure communications are sent, SA MET is not responsible for ensuring applicants have received said communications.

SA MET will take reasonable and practical steps to resolve unforeseen issues, however, is not liable to applicants for errors or omissions in the allocation process.

Offers made through the centralised process are provisional, pending completion of mandatory screening undertaken by the employing LHN. SA MET does not provide employment contracts or conditions of employment; these are between applicants and the employing LHN.

Applicant Data may be used for evaluation, research, and quality improvement of the application and/or allocation system. De-identified results may be shared with medical and other professionals via academic or other professional methods of communication. Information may also be used to notify you of updates.

SA MET may share your details with the National Medical Intern Data Management Working Party (or equivalent) for audits, research, and late vacancy management. By applying, you consent to this. For further information, see the National Intern Data Audit. SA MET may withdraw offers if applicants accept or hold multiple intern positions across Australia. Applicants will be notified by email with a response deadline to withdraw from additional positions held.

[For more information](#)

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