

MEDICAL WORKFORCE TRAINING CONTINUUM

Medical education is a continuum - undergraduate, prevocational and vocational training progressing through to continuing professional development - a range of organisations are responsible for the various points along this continuum. As a result, the continuum of training is not always a smooth and seamless progression.

The following diagram shows an example of the training continuum for medical professionals.

Training continuum

High School								
Other degree +/- work experience (optional)								
Medical School (postgraduate or undergraduate 4-6 years MBBS, BMBS, MD etc)								
Training Accreditation Authority	Commence Working as a Doctor							
SA MET	Internship (Intern) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MBA mandated and must be undertaken in accredited intern posts. Internship is a minimum of 47 weeks FTE currently including mandatory posts in Emergency Medicine, Surgery and Medicine. These doctors have Provisional registration with MBA. 	Novice						
SA MET - PGY2 Many posts are unaccredited	Prevocational Trainee Medical Officer (Resident Medical Officers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These doctors may not be enrolled in a speciality program. SA MET accredits postgraduate year two posts. Doctors may work as an 'unaccredited registrar'. Doctors may commence research or further training either out of interest or to get into a speciality training program. These doctors have General registration with the MBA. 	Advanced Beginner						
Speciality Medical Colleges	Vocational Trainee Medical Officer (Registrars) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> These doctors have been accepted into a speciality training program with a Speciality Medical College. These doctors have General registration with the MBA. 	Competent						
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Members of a speciality medical college/s	Fellowship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These doctors may spend a further 1-2 years in a sub-speciality or research. 	Proficient					
Members of a speciality medical college/s	Specialist Consultant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> These doctors have completed their Speciality Medical College training requirements. These doctors have specialist registration with MBA. 	Expert					
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