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### CORE TERMS

**What core and elective terms does your facility offer PGY1?**

Queensland Health terms has five terms for 2020 – four terms of 10 weeks and one term of 12 weeks, unless otherwise specified.

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**Additional Information:**

Each Intern undertakes 3 core terms and 2 elective terms. Electives can be negotiated. All requests are considered, but not guaranteed.

### TERMS FOR PGY2

**What terms does your facility offer PGY2?**

Queensland Health terms has five terms for 2020 – four terms of 10 weeks and one term of 12 weeks, unless otherwise specified.

- General Medicine
- Cardiology
- Respiratory Medicine
- Oncology
- Rehabilitation/Acute Stroke
- Geriatric Medicine
- Palliative Care
- Psychiatry
- General Surgery
- Vascular Surgery
- Orthopaedics
- Hip fracture
- Cardiac Surgery
- Thoracic Surgery
- Emergency Medicine
- Paediatric Emergency/Ward
- Intensive Care
**ACCREDITED TRAINING POSITIONS**

What accredited training positions does your facility offer?

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**ROTATIONS**

Will there be opportunities to do term rotations at another facility? If yes, which facility/facilities will the rotation(s) be to?

Yes – Redcliffe Hospital

**RURAL/COUNTRY RELIEVING**

Is rural/country relieving part of PGY1?

No

**REMOTE CALL**

Does your facility require remote call? If yes, what are the conditions?

Yes – Remote call will be allocated from week 6 in Term 1.

**WARD CALL**

Does your facility require ward call? If yes, what are the conditions?
**EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS**

Does your facility provide educational sessions? If yes, what type of educational sessions and how often would they occur?

Yes, educational sessions are as follows:
- Intern Education Program once per week in protected time, includes practical skills workshops
- Advanced Life Support (ARC accredited)
- Grand Rounds
- Wide range of unit specific training sessions on a weekly basis
- Full week intern orientation prior to commencement

**SUPPORT FOR INTERNS**

What type of support does your facility provide for Interns?

Ongoing support is available for all doctors.

**Medical Education provides:**
- Personal and professional support for all junior doctors
- Formal education program
- Informal support from Registrars and Consultants committed to providing quality supervision
- Two Medical Education Officers (MEO) on site
- Director of Clinical Training (DCT) and Deputy Director of Clinical Training (DDCT) on site
- TPCH Medical Education Committee membership
- Membership to RMO Forum and Junior Doctor Advisory Committee

**Medical Administration provides:**
- Support and advice from Director Medical Administration (DMA)
- Support and assistance from the Medical Workforce team with rostering, term allocation and leave requests.

**WORKLOAD AND OVERTIME**

What is the average workload per week for each core and elective term? Is overtime required? If yes, will this be paid?

**Core Terms:**
- Rostered hours 38 hours/week. Overtime usually required.

**Elective Terms:**
- Rostered hours 38 hours/week. Overtime usually required.

All required overtime is paid as per Medical Officer Certified Agreement MOCA4.
## NIGHT DUTY

**Does your facility require night duty? If yes, what are the conditions?**

Limited. While working in the Emergency Department, some night duty may be rostered for Interns but only under well supervised conditions with another Resident and Registrar rostered at the same time. Interns may (in the future) be rostered to Night Ward Call.

## LEAVE

**Am I able to take leave any time during the year or will I have to be part of a leave roster?**

Interns are entitled to 5 weeks of annual leave per year. Currently leave is mostly assigned in 5 week blocks according to preferences where possible. Leave can only be taken during non-core terms.

## LEAVE IN ADVANCE

**Do I need to negotiate my leave in advance? Who do I need to negotiate leave with and when do I need to do this by?**

Yes. On appointment to the hospital, a Leave Preference Form will be sent out. Once completed by the Intern, the forms are used to plan the leave requirements for Interns for the year.

## HECS/HELP

**Does your facility qualify for the HECS/HELP Reimbursement Scheme?**

The HECS Reimbursement Scheme aims to promote careers in rural medicine and increase the number of doctors in rural and regional areas in the longer term. Participants in the Scheme currently have one fifth of their HECS fees for the study of medicine reimbursed for each year of training undertaken or services provided in rural and remote areas of Australia.

The Rural Health Workforce Strategy has amended the existing HECS Reimbursement Scheme to include the scaling of payments, providing the greatest reward for those medical practitioners willing to work in the most remote areas. Scaling will commence from 1 July 2010.

The Budget also announced the transfer from the current Rural, Remote and Metropolitan Area Classification to the Australian Standard Geographical Classification – Remoteness Area (ASGC-RA), which will be used to define eligible areas and will come into effect from 1 July 2010.

To be eligible to receive payments under the Scheme, medical graduates must:

- Have completed an accredited Australian medical course, leading to the award of a Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery degree (MBBS) or equivalent;
- Have completed their final year of study and obtained their medical degree in 2000 or later;
- Be an Australian or New Zealand citizen or permanent resident of Australia; and
- Be undertaking training or providing medical services in an eligible location.

Eligible areas are those in ASGC-RA 2-5 locations. Payments will be scaled by remoteness according to the ASGC-RA category of the locality they are training in or providing services.

Under the HECS Reimbursement Scheme, as of 1 July 2010, the HECS debts will be repaid over five years for hospitals located in ASGC-RA 2 (Mackay Base, Nambour, Rockhampton Base, and Toowoomba Hospitals) and over four years for hospitals located in ASGC-RA 3 (Cairns Base and Townsville Hospitals).

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<td>Yes, we will consider swaps and transfers. Conditions will apply as per Intern Recruitment Policy, but the request must also be approved by the Director of Clinical Training (DCT) at TPCH.</td>
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FACILITY BENEFITS

What other services (e.g.: library, gym, swimming pool, close to shopping centres and public transport etc) does your facility offer?

- Library
- Personal Internet access from any computer
- Swimming Pool and Gym on-site with personal trainer available
- Breeze Café
- Medical Officers' Common Room
- Childcare Centre (06:00 – 18:00 Mon-Fri)
- Close to Chermside Shopping Centre
- Bus services nearby

CAR PARKING

What parking arrangements can your facility offer?

Free parking in staff car park. Undercover parking for pay deductible fee.

LIFESTYLE OFFER

What sort of lifestyle can your location offer?

- Close to all facilities of CBD
- Good local shopping and entertainment venues
- Close to beaches
- Short drive to Moreton Bay
- Convenient to Bribie Island and Sunshine Coast
- Short drive to recreation opportunities in Brisbane Forest Park
- TPCH has the best of both worlds – a mid size friendly hospital close to the city and handy to the outdoor lifestyle that Brisbane has to offer

OTHER DETAILS

Is there any additional information you would like to provide that we haven’t covered previously?

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