

Mid-year entry into training or deferral of commencement

Requesting mid-year entry – start training early

In some cases, you can apply to join the network and commence training early, from mid-year (August) in the year that you apply to the network.

You may be able to do this if you're:	You can't join mid-year if you're a medical officer who:
- an overseas graduate	- works in Queensland and wants to move hospitals
- an interstate medical officer, who missed the network application process, for example if you're returning from parental leave	- declined a network position after receiving your hospital allocations
- a medical officer who has decided to move from another specialty	- exited the network and wants to re-join.
- another type of medical officer with a valid reason for not applying within the usual timeframes.	

Eligibility

To be eligible for mid-year entry to the network, prior to commencement of training you must:

- hold **general registration** with the [Medical Board of Australia](#)
- **be eligible for registration with the RACP** as a basic physician trainee by end of August
- qualify as **postgraduate year three (PGY3)** or above
- have a current employment contract in a [Queensland network hospital](#) (commencing by August 2025) until the end of the current medical year, in a position suitable for basic physician training
- have passed the network selection process (interviews held early August, if successful you will commence training three weeks after you interview)
- have not declined a network position after receiving hospital allocations or exited the network without prior approval.

Applying

Submit your application for the network in June through the [Resident Medical Officer \(RMO\) and Registrar campaign | Careers](#) and indicate that you want to be considered for mid-year entry to commence training in August 2025.

Discuss your plans for training and seek approval for mid-year entry from with the relevant NRC and your DPE. You can find their contact details in [Network training rotations, hospital information and contacts](#). The NRC must confirm, on behalf of the rotation education committee, that they can accommodate your ongoing training and examination needs in consideration of training capacity.

Next steps

If selected, **you must register with the [RACP](#) by the August deadline** to start training mid-year. It's recommended that you start the registration process at least a few weeks before the deadline. The DPE will only endorse your registration once you've been selected by the network.

Once your registration is completed, you'll be allocated a prospective training program to align with the medical years (February to February). This program will make sure you meet time-based requirements within a pre-negotiated timeframe, up to 3 years, and will support an exam sit. **You'll be expected to complete the full 12-month medical year contract during your exam year.** This may not necessarily align with the completion of your basic training requirements – which may be in August of your exam year.

Deferral of commencement – start training later

You can request a deferral of commencement on the network of up to 6 months, **instead of commencing training from January, you can request to delay until end of June.** Your NRC can consider allowing you to delay commencement, providing the deferral is no longer than 6 months. It's worth noting that a deferral may impact or change any pre-planned training allocation. If you defer for more than 6 months, you are deemed to have declined your network offer and must re-apply to the network in the following year.

NOTE – Deferrals due to parental, sick or other compassionate leave is considered separately as a flexible training request and will be assessed on a case-by-case basis and according to the network strategy to support flexible training. For more information visit the [Queensland Basic Physician Training \(Adult Medicine\) Network - How to apply guide](#).

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