

# SUMMARY SNAPSHOT PREVOCATIONAL MEDICAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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## BACKGROUND

Australian university medical graduates enter the workforce as interns or postgraduate year 1 (PGY1) doctors, employed mainly through public health services. Junior doctors must successfully complete an intern year before being granted general medical registration. All medical practitioners, including junior doctors, are registered through the Medical Board of Australia (MBA).

Prior to commencing a vocational training program most junior doctors work for at least one, two or more years after their intern year in the public hospital system and in community health services to gain clinical experience with greater levels of responsibility. This helps consolidate the clinical skills developed during university training and the intern year, and equips junior doctors with the prerequisite experience and procedural skills for entry into specialist or vocational training programs.

While a number of specialist medical colleges accept entrants to vocational training programs following completion of PGY1, most prefer applicants who have completed a second or even third year of prevocational training (PGY2 and PGY3).

## POSTGRADUATE YEAR 1

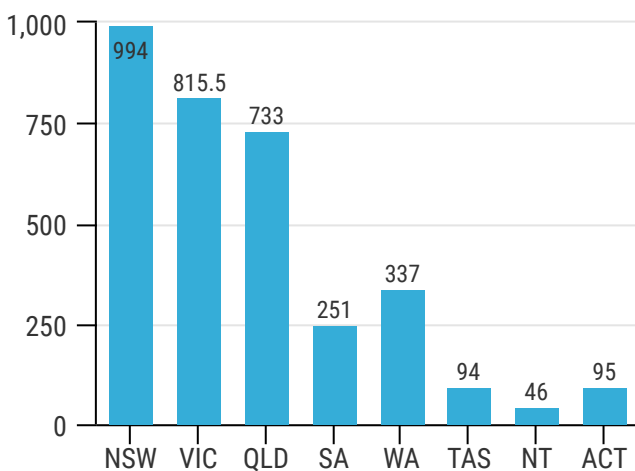
PGY1s, in 2017

**3,366**

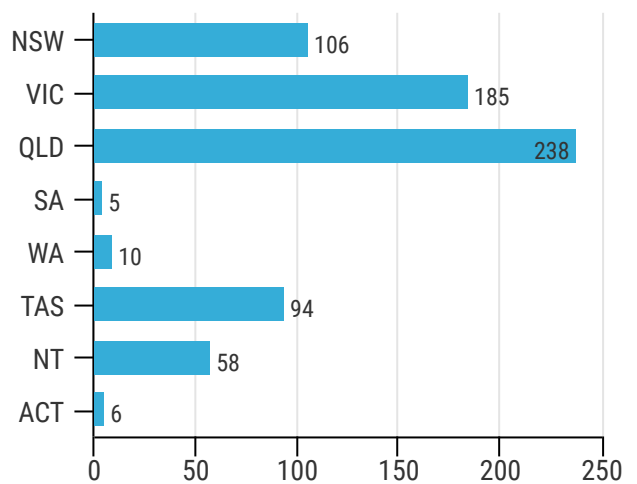
48.2% were females.

83.1% commenced training in the state or territory they completed their medical studies.

Total PGY1 commencements by State/Territory



PGY1 commencements in MMM2-7 by State/Territory



According to the Modified Monash Model there were 726 rural intern positions where PGY1 doctors could undertake most of their internship.

There were 722 PGY1 doctors undertaking a rural internship in the MMM2-7 classifications.

International students who graduated from an Australian medical school occupied 279 (8.3%) PGY1 positions.

## POSTGRADUATE YEAR 2

PGY2s, in 2017

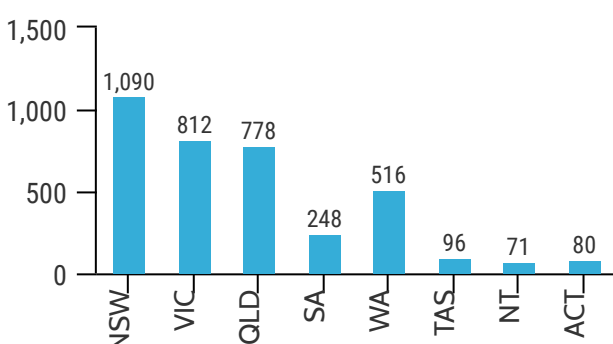
**3,691**

49.3% were female.

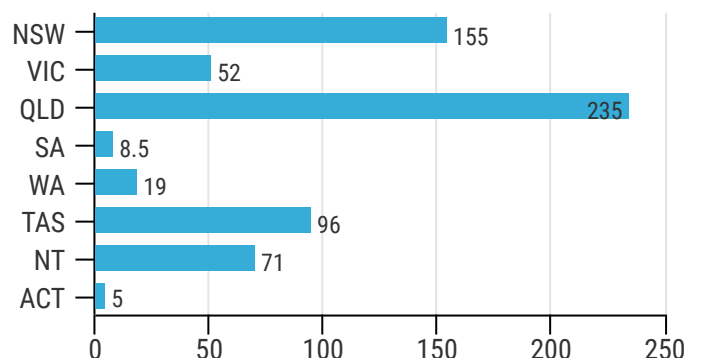
74.6% commenced their second year of prevocational medical training in the same State/Territory.

International students who completed their medical degree in Australia occupied 303 or 8.2% of all PGY2 positions.

Total PGY2 commencements by State/Territory



PGY2 commencements in MMM2-7 by State/Territory



According to the Modified Monash Model there were 642 positions and 531 doctors located in a rural area.

The number of rotational positions that could be filled by doctors from a metropolitan hospital was 123.

Comparison are difficult to make across jurisdictions due to differences in the way doctors are contracted and data capture methods used by the various states and territories. The number of PGY2 positions reported does not include the total number recruited by health services.