

SUMMARY SNAPSHOT

UNIVERSITY MEDICAL

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

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BACKGROUND

In Australia, university medical schools accredited by the Australian Medical Council provide professional entry level medical education. In 2017, there were 19[1] universities with accredited medical schools in Australia.

In the past, most medical doctors completed a five or six-year Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree. However, in recent years an increasing number of four-year (graduate-entry) programs have been introduced. From 2017, most medical schools have moved to a Doctor of Medicine or equivalent program.

With the combination of graduate entry and Doctor of Medicine programs, around 60% of medical schools[1] in Australia require seven years of tertiary study to attain a professional entry level medical qualification, which accounts for around 60% of commencing domestic students. This change is consistent with trends in other health professional programs moving into post graduate courses.

[1] There are currently 19 universities involving 20 medical schools. Newcastle/UNE is considered one medical school.

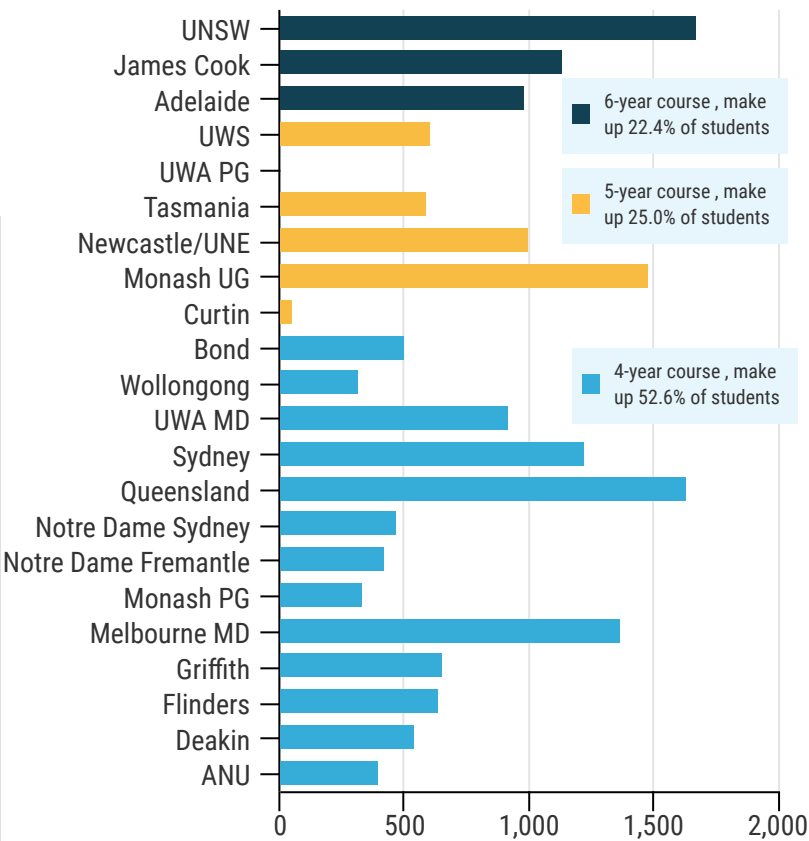
MEDICAL STUDENTS

Medical Students, in 2017

17,056

77.7% were Commonwealth-supported places. 21.6% were fee-paying, of those 2,688 (72.3%) were international

	Medical students	Proportion
Commonwealth-supported	13,259	77.7
HECS-HELP only	9,548	56.0
BMP Scheme	3,484	20.4
MRBS Scheme	227	1.3
Fee-paying	3,692	21.6
Domestic	1,024	6.0
International	2,668	15.6
Other	105	0.6
Total	17,056	100.0



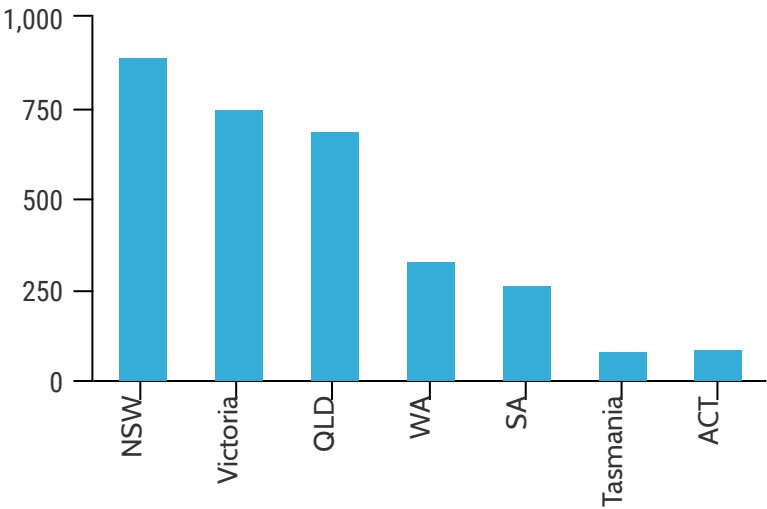
- In 2017, 292 medical students identified that they were of Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander descent.
- Of the total medical students, 3,853 were in first year of their medical studies and 3,211 or 83.3% of these were domestic students.

MEDICAL GRADUATES

Medical graduates, in 2016

3,569

- 49% of medical graduates are female
- 3,085 (86%) are domestic students
- Largest growth in WA (21.9%)



From 2015 to 2016, the actual number of graduates increased slightly from 3,547 to 3,569. It is projected that there will be 3,567 medical graduates in 2017, with an increase anticipated in 2018 (to 3,803). This is then expected to reach 3,702 medical graduates by 2020.