

Victorian Rural Preferential Allocation (VRPA)

Intern Match



Important information



This year PMCV is introducing some changes to the Victorian Intern Match. Further announcements will be made in the coming weeks. We are proud to announce the introduction of the Victorian Rural Preferential Allocation (VRPA) process in 2021 and provide some more information about this process below.

The VRPA is being introduced to assist in filling rural and regional internship positions with candidates who are genuinely interested in a rural medical career.



Early offers

Candidates who are matched to a position in the VRPA will receive an offer earlier than candidates who are matched in subsequent allocation rounds.



Streamlined application

For VRPA candidates, there will be a single application process through PMCV's Allocation and Placement Service (APS) for all rural and regionally based intern training programs. VRPA candidates will answer additional questions within the APS. Direct applications to individual health services will not be required.



Regional panel interviews

For each of the five VIC regions (see below) a regional panel will be established. Panels will assess, shortlist and interview candidates who have applied to one or more health services within that region. These live (online) interviews will be scheduled during the assessment period.

VRPA Eligibility

Priority Group 1

Graduates from a Victorian medical schools* holding Australian or New Zealand citizenship or permanent residency, including domestic full fee paying and Commonwealth Supported Place students

*University of Melbourne, Monash University, Deakin University and University of Notre Dame: Melbourne & Ballarat Clinical Schools.

Priority Group 2

Australian permanent resident graduates of interstate universities who meet the following criteria:

- Completed their Year 12 schooling in Victoria; OR
- Graduates of the University of New South Wales who have undertaken their last two years of clinical placement at Albury Wodonga Health clinical school

Positions included

All Victorian Rural Generalist Program (VRGP) internship positions will be included in the VRPA. The majority of rural and regional internship positions will also be included in the VRPA.

| Barwon South West | Gippsland | Grampians | Hume | Loddon Mallee |
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| VRGP program | | | | |
| South West Healthcare Warrnambool Rural Community Internship program | Rural Generalist Internship Gippsland | Grampians Rural Community Internship program | Murray to the Mountains (M2M) intern training program | Echuca Rural Community Intern Training program |
| Other health services in the region | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barwon Health • Portland District Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bairnsdale Regional Health • Gippsland Rural Intern Training (GRIT) program | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ballarat Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northeast Health Wangaratta • Albury Wodonga Health • Goulburn Valley Health | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bendigo Health • Mildura Base Hospital |

For more information, keep an eye on our website. Webinars will be held in April/May.