

Mid-year entry into training

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

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 deadline
- qualify as postgraduate year three (PGY3) or above
- have a current employment contract in a [Queensland network hospital](#) (commencing by 30th September 2024) 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)
- have not declined a network position after receiving your hospital allocations or exited the network without prior approval.

Applying

Submit your application for the network in June through the RMO Campaign and indicate that you want to be considered for mid-year entry.

Discuss your plans for training with the relevant NRC and your local DPE. You can find their contact details in [Network training rotations, hospital information and contacts \[PDF\]](#). 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 the exam year.

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