

MEDICAL INTERNSHIPS AT BENDIGO HEALTH

Frequently Asked Questions 2026/2027

This guide has been developed to assist prospective interns in understanding what Bendigo Health offers during internship. It provides key information to help tailor your application and plan your experience. Please note that the content is accurate as of 18 March 2026 and is subject to change.

How many intern positions will Bendigo Health have?

Bendigo Health will have 43 full time intern positions for 2027.

How many interstate/international applicants do you take each year?

We work within the PMCV guidelines - the numbers vary from year to year. In previous years we have been able to offer positions to international students and those from interstate.

What rotations are available in 2027?

Interns need to complete five rotations which meet the term requirements of the National Framework for Prevocational Medical Training. Over the course of the year, you must complete a total of 47 weeks of supervised practice.

In 2027 Bendigo Health will have the following rotations available:

- Emergency
 - Cardiology
 - Geriatrics
 - Oncology
 - Ortho Geriatrics
 - Orthopaedics
 - Psychiatry
 - Surgical
 - Medical
 - Rehabilitation
 - Renal
 - Urology
- External rotations**
- Echuca Regional Health:
 - General Medicine
 - Emergency Medicine

Does Bendigo Health consider paired applications?

Bendigo Health will consider paired applications – both applicants should clearly indicate that they are applying as a paired applicant.

Can Bendigo Health offer part-time internship positions?

Bendigo Health do not currently offer part-time internships.

Will all my rotations be completed at Bendigo Health?

All interns will complete a majority of the rotations at Bendigo Health with up to 10 interns completing external rotations at Echuca Health Service.

How do I apply for an intern position at Bendigo Health?

Bendigo Health Intern positions will be allocated through the **PMCV Match Process**.

Victorian Rural Preferential Allocation (VRPA)

To apply for the VRPA Intern positions at Bendigo Health, candidates must submit their application through the PMCV Match Process and send a cover letter directly to Bendigo Health at jmorecruitment@bendigohealth.org.au

Victorian Intern Allocation (VIA)

Candidates must submit their applications through the PMCV Match Process. No additional documents should be sent to Bendigo Health.

How does the PMCV matching process work?

Information can be found on the PMCV website, we also recommend reading through the information in this document [2026 Intern Match Information](#)

What criteria will Bendigo Health be using for selecting 2026 interns?

Bendigo Health will use the following information to assess your application:

- Cover Letter
- Curriculum Vitae
- Online interview performance
- References
- Responses to key selection criteria questions.

Will Bendigo Health be conducting interviews for Interns?

No interviews will be held at Bendigo Health for intern positions. The PMCV are conducting online interviews (VRPA and VIA Group 4 Only) that are used as part of the criteria for selection.

When are VRPA results released?

A full summary of the Intern Match Key Dates (including when VRPA results are published) can be found on the PMCV website here: [2026 Intern Match - PMCV](#)

When can I have my annual leave?

All interns are entitled to five weeks of annual leave. Two weeks will be rostered during your ED term which will be determined by the rotation line you are allocated following a preferencing process. We will do our best to accommodate all requests but cannot guarantee your preference will be allocated. The remaining three weeks are allocated at the end of the intern year, prior to commencing as a PGY2.

What if I need additional time off during my Internship?

As part of successfully completing your internship, Interns are required to complete 47 weeks of supervised practice. Bendigo Health has a range of flexible working arrangements available to accommodate and support interns should they require unexpected time off during their internship.

How are the rotations allocated?

All interns are given a preference form which asks you to preference the range of rotation lines (including the leave allocation in the ED term) that have been approved by the PMCV as compliant with the National Framework.

Bendigo Health then considers these preferences in allocating rotations lines. We will do our best to accommodate requests made but cannot guarantee your preferences will be allocated.

Will I do night duty?

Interns are rostered for night duty in ED only and are heavily supervised by a HMO, three Registrars and a Consultant, as well as Nursing staff.

What about orientation?

Bendigo Health runs a week-long orientation prior to commencing your first Clinical shift. The program provides a comprehensive introduction to:

- Bendigo Health and services
- Clinical programs and services
- Completion of mandatory training
- Deteriorating patient training
- Payroll/rostering
- And practical tips from outgoing interns

The final two days of orientation is devoted to on-the-job training by shadowing the outgoing interns. If you are commencing your rotation at Echuca Health, you will spend the final two days of orientation at Echuca.

What education does Bendigo offer?

Bendigo Health has a range of formal and structured learning such as case-based presentations, interactive clinical and non-clinical based workshops, simulated learning, online learning and weekly education.

Protected Intern education is held every week and interactive HMO workshops are held fortnightly. Additional learning opportunities include unit-based teaching, weekly Grand rounds, Multidisciplinary meetings, case conferences and short & sharp sessions which JMOs are welcome and encouraged to attend.

What support options are available?

Bendigo Health offers a diverse range of support systems for our JMOs including but not limited to easy access to GPs, Employee Assistance Program, Pastoral Care and a Mentoring Program. Each rotation has a nominated Term Supervisor who provides comprehensive supervision and support to JMOs, along with the two Directors of Clinical Training (DCT), Supervisor of Intern training (SiT), two Medical Education Officers (MEO) and members of the Medical Workforce Unit.

What about life after internship?

Bendigo Health has a strong tradition of retaining interns into one of our PGY2 positions the following year, and many JMOs stay on with us for their hospital-based training where possible. Interns will be offered a two-year contract with Bendigo Health that will provide a general PGY2 position that has been approved by the PMCV the following year. There is plenty of career guidance available and all JMOs are provided with an opportunity early in the year to meet with various Clinicians and the Medical Workforce Unit to discuss their career direction.

What can I do to ensure I get matched to Bendigo Health?

Bendigo Health adheres to the principles and code of conduct governing the intern matching process by PMCV where priority group 1 candidates are allocated a position first. Bendigo Health is often fully matched in the initial rounds of the PMCV match. To ensure you have the best chances of securing an intern position with Bendigo Health, we highly recommend that you rank Bendigo Health as your top preference.

If all of Bendigo Health's positions are not filled during the PMCV Match process or if a candidate withdraws, Bendigo Health will then notify the PMCV and they will provide us with details of unmatched candidates for consideration.

Can I organise a tour of Bendigo Health?

Bendigo Health will be running tours of the hospital, for prospective interns on Friday 1 May at 2:45pm.

Registrations are required here: [Bendigo Health Medical Careers Hospital Tours- Event Brite](#)

All interns will receive a full hospital tour as part of their orientation program in January 2027. Unfortunately, we do not offer individual tours.

Is accommodation provided for Internship at Bendigo Health?

Interns rotating to a rural site (e.g., Echuca) will have accommodation provided for the duration of that rotation, which will be arranged by the external health service.

Bendigo Health has an accommodation complex within close proximity to the main campus. Subject to availability, you may be able to access a one-bedroom furnished apartment at a rate of \$560 per fortnight. During onboarding, you will receive paperwork to indicate whether you require accommodation. Once your completed forms are received, the documentation will be forwarded to our Accommodation Services Team, who will review your request, check availability and be in contact with you. Accommodation fees will be increased on 1st July each year in line with CPI increases.

If hospital accommodation is unavailable, you will need to arrange alternative housing independently.

What if I am not matched to Bendigo Health for my Internship?

If you are not matched to Bendigo Health for your Internship, we encourage you to consider re-applying in the future as you progress in your medical career. Opportunities are available in PGY2/PGY3 positions, including our BPT program or within our Surgical, General, or Critical Care streams.

Further Enquiries

For further information or enquiries, please send us an email at jmorecruitment@bendigohealth.org.au