

Frequently asked questions

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What is the Medical Training Survey about?

The Medical Training Survey (MTS) is a voluntary, anonymous survey that gathers feedback from doctors in training about the quality and experience of medical training in Australia. It was created with doctors in training, to improve training. 2026 results will build on data from past years, creating longitudinal insights across specialties and jurisdictions. Employers and educators are using results to improve training. Doctors in training are using the results to shape their training choices.

What's coming in 2026?

Questions in the 2026 MTS are in line with past years. This year specialist trainees are asked about the phase of training they are in. As usual, we've reviewed questions, tried to make it easier to navigate and reduced duplication.

We're keeping the MTS as consistent as possible to enable comparisons over time.

How are doctors in training using the MTS results?

The MTS results are being used to shape the future of medical training! Trainees are using their voice and their data to look at trends in medical training, compare training sites and specialties, and publish in academic journals.

Read about how MTS data is being used to improve medical training and workplace culture at MedicalTrainingSurvey.gov.au.

Who can do the survey?

All doctors in training in Australia can do the survey. This includes interns, hospital medical officers, resident medical officers, non-accredited trainees, postgraduate trainees, principal house officers, registrars, specialist trainees and international medical graduates. Career medical officers who intend to undertake further postgraduate training in medicine can do the MTS.

Why do the survey – what's in it for me?

To help shape the future of medical training! Use your voice and build the data that is being used across the system to improve training and workplace culture. Read more at MedicalTrainingSurvey.gov.au.

When does the survey open?

The survey runs from August to early October each year.

Why is it running again in 2026?

The MTS is annual, to enable comparisons over time and support continuous improvement.

How do you know who to send the survey to?

When you renew your medical registration, we ask you to tell us if you're a doctor in training. If you identify as a doctor in training, the MTS appears when you've finished renewing your medical registration. Interns and IMGs can access their MTS through their Ahpra portal, by clicking on the MTS portal task.

Who will administer the survey?

The Medical Board and Ahpra administer the MTS.

When the survey has closed, we provide de-identified data to our survey partner, EY Sweeney, who will analyse and report on the results in a de-identified and aggregate format. No personal information is provided to EY Sweeney and there is no link between MTS answers and registration information.

As always, information you provide in the MTS is stored and handled securely.

How were the survey questions developed?

A team of expert advisers, including doctors in training, employers and educators involved in medical training in Australia, helped develop the survey. You can find a copy of the 2026 questions on the MedicalTrainingSurvey.gov.au website.

Who is involved in the Medical Training Survey?

Experts in medical education and training in Australia – including doctors in training – are working with us. Two groups guide this work:

- a [Steering Committee](#) to manage the hands-on work to develop and deliver the survey, and
- a [Consultative Forum](#) to make sure the survey is strengthened by input from doctors in training and other experts including specialist colleges, employers and jurisdictions, the Australian Medical Council and the Australian Medical Association.

Who can access the survey results?

MTS results are public and accessible.

You can access the results of all past surveys on the Results section of the MTS website. National and static reports can be downloaded – click on the 'Report and results' tab with reports accessible by trainee cohort, state and territory, specialist medical college.

1. High-level snapshot – compare state/territory responses with the national response across the years or select 'Filter data' to look at a high-level snapshot across trainee cohort, postgraduate year, specialist medical college, region, gender or hospital. This is located under the 'Dashboard' tab.
2. Create your own report – you can create your own tailored report by using the advanced filters and/or comparison tool – by clicking on the 'Create your own report' tab. You can view your tailored report onscreen or have it emailed to you as a PDF or Excel file.

Stakeholders are already using MTS results to improve training. Trainees are using MTS data to compare training sites and specialties. Employers are using results to identify and address areas for improvement. Educators are using MTS results to better support trainees and improve processes. The Australian Medical Association, Australian Indigenous Doctors' Association and other professional groups are using results to advocate for better conditions.

Researchers are analysing results in papers and journals.

What principles guided the development of the Medical Training Survey?

We've settled on these guiding principles for the MTS.

Quality improvement

The MTS is a quality improvement tool designed to strengthen medical training in Australia.

Safe and confidential

Participation is confidential and de-identified, with a clear framework for data use and protection. The system actively prevents identification of individuals or small groups.

Focused on training

Post-graduate medical training is the core focus of the MTS.

Reflection and feedback

The MTS encourages participants to reflect on their medical training and teaching and provide feedback to support continuous improvement. Reflective practice is a cornerstone of good medical practice and MTS participation is safe.

Access

The MTS is relevant to medical training and not onerous to complete. It is accessible online and easy to use.

Reporting and using results

The results of the MTS are published online in static reports and through an online data dashboard. Specialty and jurisdiction specific reports from MTS data are generated where possible while assuring participant confidentiality. Stakeholders are encouraged to use MTS data to guide improvements to medical training.

Participation

The MTS is Australia's primary national survey of trainees, validated by strong trainee participation and support.

Equity, diversity and inclusion:

MTS responses identify inequities in training experiences, access to opportunities and exposure to unacceptable behaviours. Stakeholders are encouraged to use results to guide planning for safer, fairer, more inclusive training environments.

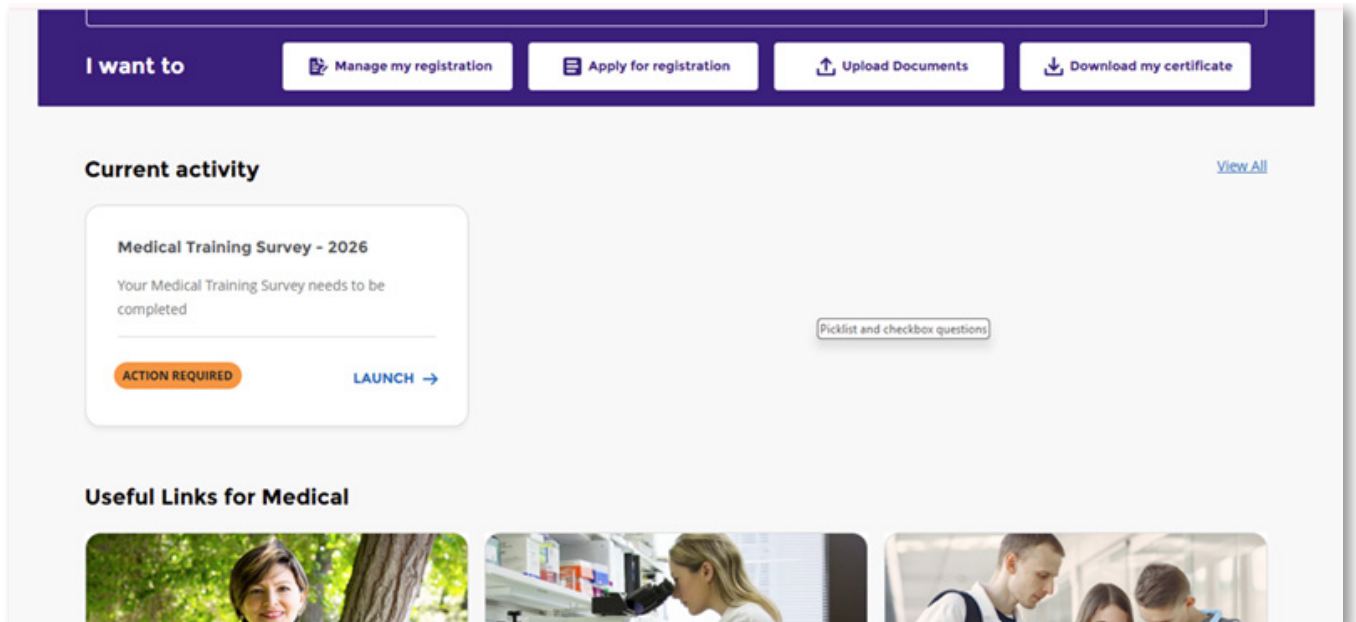
Specific questions from doctors in training

How do I complete the survey?

You can do the survey online on your phone, tablet, or PC/laptop when you renew your registration. Interns and IMGs do it in August to early October, by logging in to their Ahpra portal and clicking on the MTS portal task.

Interns and IMGs

Interns and IMGs receive their MTS link through a task in their Ahpra portal. The Medical Board and Ahpra will email you when you can log in and complete your MTS.



All other doctors

Prevocational and unaccredited trainees and specialist trainees can do the survey when they renew their medical registration. The survey will appear after the payment screen.

Successful completion of renewal

Payment

Summary

This is the last step. You need to pay the fee listed below. Once paid, your application will be submitted. We accept Visa and Mastercard debit or credit cards. Payments are processed through a secure payment gateway. There is further information on the Ahpra renewal page to help you pay if you do not currently have access to one of these cards.

If you need more time to gather the relevant fee, you can save your application and resume when you can pay. You need to do this before the renewal due date to avoid a late fee. The registration fee will be refunded if your application is not approved.

Registration Fee

Total fee payable

Previous

- Privacy
- Personal details
- Residential address
- Principal place of practice
- Mailing address
- Medical Training Survey
- Criminal history
- International criminal history
- Impairment
- Complaints
- Continuing professional development
- Recency of practice
- Professional indemnity insurance
- Exposure prone procedures
- Practice restrictions
- Billing privileges
- Declarations
- Workforce Survey
- Renewal summary
- Renewal summary
- Renewal summary
- Payment**

MTS ready to complete

Demographics

Medical Training Survey

You have told us you are a doctor in training.

The Medical Board of Australia and Ahpra invite you to participate in the Medical Training Survey (MTS) and provide feedback on the quality and access to medical training.

The MTS will take approximately 15 minutes to complete. You can complete the MTS at any time.

Participation in the MTS is voluntary.

By participating in the MTS, you agree to Ahpra collecting and disclosing the information you provide as detailed in this collection statement [link](#). Please review this statement prior to completing the MTS.

If you do not wish to complete the MTS at this juncture, you may click 'Next' which will take you to the Next Steps.

If you do not wish to receive any email reminders about completing the MTS, please email Ahpra on MTS@ahpra.gov.au and Ahpra will endeavour to process your request within one business day. You do not need to provide a reason for your request. Alternatively, you may choose to unsubscribe in any MTS email reminders you may receive. By doing so, you will be removed from all future reminders.

The questions in this survey focus on your recent experiences as a doctor in training. As this survey is being completed by all doctors in training, please answer the questions in respect to your current situation and stage in your training journey.

What is your postgraduate year?

- ☐ PGY1
- ☐ PGY2
- ☐ PGY3
- ☐ PGY4
- ☐ PGY5
- ☐ PGY6
- ☐ PGY7
- ☐ PGY8
- ☐ PGY9
- ☐ PGY10

Save & Exit Next

You can also access your MTS link by logging in to your Ahpra portal and clicking on the MTS portal task.

What happens if I drop out of the survey?

If you lose internet connection or close the survey window, you can go back and finish it by logging in to your Ahpra portal and clicking on the MTS portal task.

Can I save and exit the survey if I can't complete it in one sitting?

Yes. You can 'save and exit' the survey.

If you select 'save and exit', you can return to the survey at the point you last completed. Just log in to your Ahpra portal and select the MTS portal task.

Will reminder emails be sent out?

Yes. We will be sending reminders to everyone who is eligible and hasn't completed the survey. We try to not annoy you with too many reminders but keep your option to do the survey open.

Can I re-do the survey after I've submitted?

No. Once you have submitted your survey you don't have to do any more.

If you have answered a question incorrectly, please contact the MTS project team at MTS@ahpra.gov.au.

Will I be identified if there are less than 10 trainees at my site/post/ location?

No! It's safe and confidential to do the MTS, especially when there are small numbers of trainees at your site. Results will build over years and only be reported when there are more than 10 responses. Every answer will help create an important picture of the quality of training at your post.