



Victorian Geriatric Medicine Training Program

Centralised Match for Advanced Training in Geriatric Medicine in Victoria

The Postgraduate Medical Council in Victoria (PMCV) will conduct a Centralised Appointment Process for Advanced Training in Geriatric Medicine in Victoria in 2021 on behalf of VGMT, in conjunction with Victoria's Department of Health and Human Services and RACP.

Match resources can be found on the PMCV website <https://allocations.pmcv.com.au>

Information about the match can also be found at www.vgmt.org

VGMT will send regular communiqués during the match to those on its mailing list.

Current VGMT trainees are included on the list and may request to opt out.

Other applicants wishing to be included on the VGMT list should contact vgmt@svha.org.au

Training in Geriatric Medicine

In Victoria, Advanced Trainees in Geriatric Medicine are employed by the individual Health Services, not by the Victorian Geriatric Medicine Training Program or DHHS. The following is a list of Health Services that are accredited by RACP for Advanced Training in Geriatric Medicine.

- Alfred Health
- Austin Health
- Ballarat Health
- Barwon Health
- Bendigo Health
- Eastern Health
- Melbourne Health
- Monash Health
- Northern Health
- Peninsula Health
- St Vincent's Hospital
- Western Health

Position descriptions are available on the Health Service website and at VGMT.

Applications for employment need to be made to the individual Health Services.

Eligibility

Participation in the Centralised Match is restricted to applicants who are eligible for Advanced Training with RACP in 2021. This includes RACP trainees who were eligible to sit the clinical examination that was deferred because of Covid19.

Part-Time, job-share and job-pair positions

Although not advertised, some health Services will consider applicants from candidates seeking part-time, job-share and job-pair positions. Candidates seeking such appointments should make direct contact with the Health Services.

Appointments for these positions may not be made through the Centralised Match.

Position descriptions

Positions are advertised on

- Health Service websites
- VGMTP website <https://www.vgmtp.org/centralised-match.html>
- PMCV <https://allocations.pmcv.com.au/cls>

How to apply

There are two important steps that must be followed:

- To participate in the match you must apply to PMCV via the allocation and placement service website. <https://allocations.pmcv.com.au/>
The steps include a) registration, b) preferred Health Services, c) nomination of referees and d) uploading CV.
- Applicants must also submit applications for appointment with their the preferred Health Services, and follow the processes outlined on the Health Services' recruitment websites.

Curriculum vitae

Upon registration with PMCV, applicants will be asked to provide a CV using a standard template. There is also an option to upload a photographic image.

Referee Reports

PMCV will contact the applicant's three nominated referees to obtain a referee's report. Ensure that your three referees are willing and available to complete the report in July prior to registering with PMCV.

Interviews

There is no guarantee that every applicant to a Health Service will be offered an interview. Each Health Service will determine how they conduct their own interviews. Options include

- site-specific interviews
- joint interviews with other health services
- a training-alliance interview panel
- online pre-recorded interview

A new option is an online pre-recorded interview. This may be used by some health services instead of an interview or to short-list applicants for interview. Participation is entirely voluntary.

Ranking of applicants for the match

Health Services make independent decisions and rank applicants based on a combination of reputation, referees' reports and interview. As most Health Services consider it desirable to have balance of Advanced Trainees across all levels of training this process does not disadvantage new applicants. There is no centralised ranking system for applicants in Victoria.

Important dates

6 th July 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PMCV website opens for registration, CV, nomination of referees and selection of health services*• Health Services websites open for applications for employment
20 th July 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Closing date for registration with PMCV to participate in the match.• Nomination of referees closes• Referees to complete on-line referee's report• Applicants may submit preference lists for Health Services to PMCV
6 th – 21 st July	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The closing dates for applications for employment varies between Health Services
21 st July – 3 rd August	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health Service selection processes, including interviews
3 rd August 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• PMCV deadline for applicants to amend preference lists or to withdraw from the match
4 th August 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Health Services submit ranking list of preferred applicants to PMCV
7 th August 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Results of the match forwarded by PMCV to VGMP• Health Services will notify successful applicants
10 th August 2020	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Match results available on the PMCV website (login required)

* Health Services will be advised by PMCV of each applicant's details and be able to access their CV and referees' reports, but will not be able to access the applicant's preference rankings.

What if you are not successfully matched?

- VGMP will advise any applicant who is not matched.
- Unmatched applicants will be advised of any unfilled positions.
- VGMP will review the situation once the results of the match are available. The option of holding a second-round match will be considered if there are unfilled positions and/or unmatched eligible applicants. The second-round match may include vacant positions across all physician specialty programs that still have vacant positions.

Important considerations

- The goal is to fill all training positions in a single round match.
- The match is competitive. There is no guarantee that an individual applicant will secure ongoing employment or training. This includes current trainees.
- Applicants are encouraged to apply widely.
- The results of the match are binding on both applicants and health services. Conditions of the match can be found at <https://allocations.pmcv.com.au/content/code-of-conduct>
- Upon being matched to a specialty program the trainee becomes ineligible to participate in any further match for other specialty programs.

Guidance for applicants

1. Organise your referees.
2. Register with PMCV.
3. Submit applications for employment to preferred Health Services.
4. You cannot be matched to a health service without submitting an application for employment with that Health Service prior to the deadline.
5. There is no guarantee that every applicant will be matched. The onus is on you to apply widely.
6. Take care to ensure that details in your application including your preference-ranking list are accurate.
7. Understand the [Code of Conduct](#) for the match, including
 - a. The results of the match are binding on both the applicant and the Health Service.
 - b. Once matched, a trainee becomes ineligible to participate in another specialty training program match.

Interstate and overseas applicants

Applicants must be registered with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency and with the Royal Australasian College of Physicians, and be eligible to undertake Advanced Physician Training in 2021.

Interstate and overseas applicants are encouraged to contact the Health Services for more details.

Privacy and Confidentiality

All personal information submitted including CVs, supervisor reports, referee reports will be accepted as private and confidential.

In submitting an application, the applicant consents for the application, CV and referee reports to be made available to the Health Services nominated on the applicant's preference list. A Health Service may only use this information for the purposes of the central appointment process.

PMCV will not disclose an applicant's preference ranking of Health Services to VGMTP or Health Services.

Contacts:

- RACP: <https://www.racp.edu.au/trainees/advanced-training/advanced-training-programs/geriatric-medicine>
- VGMTP: vgmtp@svha.org.au or <https://www.vgmtp.org/centralised-match.html>
- PMCV: allocations@pmcv.com.au or <https://allocations.pmcv.com.au/>