



PESCI Candidate Agreement

Welcome to your PESCI Assessment conducted by the Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACRRM) on behalf of the Australian Medical Council (AMC) and the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Authority (Ahpra).

About the Interview

- The panel consists of three assessors, who will introduce themselves at the start of the assessment. The Chair and at least one other assessor are a fully qualified Specialist General Practitioner working in Australia. One of the assessors may be a Community Representative or a non-medically trained professional who has expert knowledge and experience of the Australian primary health care system.
- The interviews consist of four scenarios, designed to give you the opportunity to demonstrate your clinical skills through the evaluation of the scenarios. Each scenario is independent and relates to an individual patient.
- Each scenario will be limited to 15 minutes. Please ask for clarification at any time if you are unsure what is required.
- Some scenarios are conducted by role play while other scenarios by case-based discussion. You may be asked to include written material to consider before starting.
- Please understand that emotions expressed by role-playing assessors are part of the clinical process and have no other meaning. Similarly, other assessors may interject during the scenario as part of the assessment process.
- The scenarios are straightforward clinical encounters you are likely to see in the practice you have selected. You can be assured the cases do not involve trick questions or rare diagnoses.
- You are assessed on your approach to the scenario in the context of where you have applied to work, so ensure you answer with this context in mind.
- Time management is a key requirement of the PESCI assessment criteria and a critical requirement for safe and effective clinical performance.
- ACRRM records all assessments for training and quality assurance purposes. Candidates are not able to access any College recording. Candidates are **not** permitted to make their own recordings of the assessment.

Interview process

- You will receive the Zoom link prior to the meeting via email.
- You should login to the Zoom waiting room approximately 15 minutes prior to the scheduled starting time and await instructions. Please remain in the virtual waiting room until you are admitted into the interview.
- You will be asked to hold your photo identification (ID) in front of your camera for recording. You must use the same ID you used in your PESCI application. If you are unable to present the same photo ID at the time of the interview, you must make arrangements with the College to use an alternative ID prior to your interview. Failure to do so will result in the PESCI not proceeding, a 'failure to provide correct identification' will be recorded as the outcome. Refunds are not provided for this outcome.
- You will be asked to restate the definition of the Level of Supervision that applies to the position in question.
- The panel may briefly ask you to clarify aspects of your curriculum vitae.
- The assessors are unable to provide any formal feedback during or after the assessment.
- The report is processed according to AMC regulations.



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- Please ensure you are alone in the room while the assessment is being undertaken.
- All devices including phones, iPads and other computers are turned off during the assessment.
- You may use a pen and blank sheets of paper if you would like to take notes.
- Recording of the interview is prohibited.
- Virtual backgrounds are not permitted. Ensure you can be clearly seen against your chosen background i.e. appropriate lighting and (preferably) blank white wall background.

IT requirements:

- PESCIs are conducted via Zoom. It is your responsibility to ensure your computer hardware, software and internet connection is suitable for the interview.
- A computer (not phone or iPad) with a sufficient screen size and optical quality should be able to read text and the finer details of images.
- Download of the Zoom app is required.
- Check connectivity and settings before the meeting starts

Systems	Minimum requirements	Recommended specifications
Internet connection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ethernet cable to modem rather than Wi-Fi recommended as this is more stable and reliable Internet connection – broadband wired or wireless (3G or 4G/LTE) ➤ Download and upload speeds starting at 5Mbps ➤ Loaded latency no greater than 500ms 	Connection check https://fast.com
Hardware	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Monitor should measure a minimum of 13 inches diagonally ➤ Screen resolution should be at least 1920 x 1080 (1080p FHD - Full High Definition) or equivalent. ➤ A headset is recommended as this is more reliable and stable than inbuilt microphone and speakers. 	
Operating systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ macOS X with macOS 10.9 or later ➤ Windows 10 – Home or Pro editions ➤ Windows 8 or 8.1 ➤ Windows 7 	
Web browsers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Windows: IE 11+, Edge 12+, Firefox 27+, Chrome 30+ ➤ Mac: Safari 7+, Firefox 27+, Chrome 30+ 	Latest version of Chrome Browser check https://www.whatismybrowser.com/
Zoom	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Zoom client 5.0 or higher ➤ Zoom via web browser, using a supported web browser listed above. ➤ Speakers and a microphone – built-in or USB plug-in or wireless Bluetooth. ➤ A webcam or HD webcam - built-in or USB plug-in 	Latest Zoom client A USB headset to reduce feedback and give better sound quality Zoom help center



Connection difficulties

- You have 10 minutes from the start of the assessment to login to Zoom with your camera and audio working properly. Failure to do so will result in the interview ending, and a refund will not be permitted.
- If there are problems with the audio and/or video quality of the desktop video technology during the PESCI, the panel will first ascertain if this is at the assessors' end. If the panel members are accessing the desktop video technology without defect, this will then be attributed to the candidate's connection. This includes inability to read the text or see the images clearly on the screen, or inability to hear the assessor. As such, the candidate will have a maximum interruption of 4 minutes in total across the entire PESCI to fix the problem.
- Note: It is the candidate's responsibility to ensure their equipment and IT connection are appropriate. The assessors may elect to end the interview before the assessment is complete if the interview is unable to proceed due to technical issues. In this circumstance, the interview will be marked 'technology failure' and will not be eligible for a refund.
- If the candidate drops out of the Zoom PESCI and has not returned to the Zoom waiting room within four (4) minutes, the interview will cease, and the interview will be marked as 'technology failure' and will not be eligible for a refund.

Professional Behaviour

Any attempt by the candidate to record the PESCI, have an unauthorised person present in the same room, access unauthorised material during the PESCI or any other attempt at cheating will result in the candidate being recorded as *Unsatisfactory* and the Medical Board of Australia will be notified of the incident.

The assessor panel may ask the candidate to reposition the camera to view the rest of the room if there is a suspicion that inappropriate behaviour may be occurring. If inappropriate behaviour, for the reasons mentioned above, are discovered after completion of the PESCI, AHPRA and the Medical Board of Australia will be notified.

Confirmation of acceptance of this agreement

I hereby confirm to have read and understood this agreement and accept the consequences of failure to do so as outlined above.

Candidate name:	
Candidate signature:	
Date:	