

MEU Staffing Standards and SA IMET MEU Support formula

Minimum Australian hospital Medical Education Unit (MEU) staffing level guidelines have been developed by Queensland Health and the formula published for PGY1 staffing. In South Australia, SA IMET has adopted an intern/PGY1 equivalent (IE) formula, the MEU Support formula, which produces similar estimates to the Qld formula. As a guide, an International Medical Graduate (IMG) requires 1.5 IE in support, and a PGY2 requires 0.5 IE. This formula can assist MEU's to gauge staffing levels required to support junior doctor training. The table below can be used as a guide in determining staffing support levels:

Number of junior doctors (IE*)	Support staff required			
	Director of Clinical Training	Medical Education Officer	GP Coordinator	Administration Support
25 – 30	0.3 FTE	1.0 FTE	0.2 FTE	0.5 FTE
Each additional 25 – 30	0.1 FTE	1.0 FTE	-	0.5FTE

* each intern equates to 1.0IE, each International Medical Graduate (IMG) 1.5 IE, & each PGY2 0.5 IE
Please note these figures are a guide only – see SA IMET Accreditation Standards for interpretation

In addition, Queensland Health's Medical Education Support Calculator recommends a minimum staffing level of 0.1 FTE Director of Clinical Training and 0.4 FTE Medical Education Officer for smaller sites. These recommendations are endorsed by SA IMET.