

AMA QUEENSLAND'S

# Resident Hospital Health Check 2017



Is the grass really greener on the other side of the fence? With Intern and RMO Campaigns pending shortly, your preference for hospital allocation is probably at the forefront of your mind. You may be considering staying at your current hospital or looking at another hospital. To assist with your deliberations, as well as to survey the general health of Queensland's RMO working environments, AMA Queensland has recently completed the second *Resident Hospital Health Check Survey*.

**Prepared by the AMA Queensland  
Council of Doctors in Training  
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# Introduction

**AMA Queensland surveyed 465 Resident Medical Officers** (Intern, Junior House Officer, Senior House Officer, Continued Residency) to evaluate the state of Junior Medical Officer employment in Queensland, and subsequently compare hospitals across Queensland. **These results represent approximately 20% of Queensland's approximate 2,267 Resident Medical Officers (RMOs).**

This survey was heavily based on the 2016 survey to allow comparison. It was adjusted using the Australian Institute of Medical Education guidelines for Quality Improvement Surveys, including validation through experts in Medical Administration and Education. **This consultative process found that 90.91% of expert respondents were extremely confident in our surveys ability** to measure the satisfaction of RMOs with their role in Queensland Hospitals<sup>1</sup>.

RMOs were asked to rank the domains surveyed to determine what is most important to RMOs in Queensland. This ranking was used to weight responses, and grades were allocated accordingly.

**The results showed the top six RMO priorities in order of 1 - 6, with one being the highest out of a possible 12 domains:**

1. Clinical rotation preferences;
2. Teaching and education standards;
3. Un-rostered overtime payment;
4. Annual leave allocation;
5. Personal safety at work; and
6. Bullying and harassment.

**Concerningly, it appeared the number of respondents working overtime and not being appropriately paid for this overtime (31%) has remained unchanged since the 2016 survey<sup>2</sup>.** Forty-six per cent (46%) of respondents felt their supervisor would think better of them for not claiming overtime, and a further 42% were worried it may negatively affect their end of term assessment if they were to claim.

**Twenty per cent (20%) of respondents reported feeling their safety was compromised at work,** equally distributed between males and females. Although any number is too high, AMA Queensland is encouraged by the Queensland Health campaign to combat this problem within our hospitals, and hope that this number continues to reduce in future years.

**Bullying and harassment rates showed no improvement this year** amongst our RMOs. Forty-seven percent (47%) of respondents have been exposed to bullying, harassment and discrimination in their workplace, compared to 45% in 2016. Shockingly, 61% of respondents said they feared negative consequences in their workplace and for future training if they were to report bullying, harassment and discrimination.

We invite any interested directors of clinical training, directors of medical services or other interested parties, who wish to learn more about the results pertaining to their location (and discuss possible ways of improving their conditions for prospective junior doctors), to contact us through [cdt@amaq.com.au](mailto:cdt@amaq.com.au). AMA Queensland looks forward to working with hospitals around the state to improve the working conditions for our current and future doctor in training colleagues.

1. *Expert Validation of AMA Queensland Council of Doctor in Training Resident Hospital Health Check Survey 2017.*
2. *AMA Queensland Council of Doctor in Training Resident Hospital Health Check 2016.*

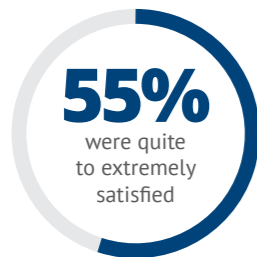
	Cairns and Hinterland HHS	Townsville Hospital	Mackay Hospital	Bundaberg Hospital	Cabootture Hospital	Sunshine Coast HHS	Gold Coast HHS	Central Queensland HHS	Greenslopes Hospital	Wide Bay HHS	Ipswich Hospital	Lady Cilento Hospital	Logan Hospital	Mater Hospital	Mount Isa Hospital	PAH	Redcliffe Hospital	Redlands Hospital	TPCH	RBWH	Toowoomba Hospital	OVERALL
<b>Access to annual leave</b>																						
Satisfied preferences for leave were taken into consideration	57%	77%	52%	50%	100%	63%	73%	100%	47%	71%	100%	86%	62%	73%	20%	68%	89%	64%	71%	82%	57%	<span style="color: green;">●</span>
<b>WEIGHTED DOMAIN SCORE:</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>86%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>89%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>82%</b>	<b>57%</b>	
<b>GRADE:</b>	<b>C+</b>	<b>B+</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>A+</b>	<b>B-</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>A+</b>	<b>C-</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>A+</b>	<b>A-</b>	<b>C+</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>B-</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B-</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>A-</b>	<b>C+</b>	<b>B-</b>
<b>Career progression and development</b>																						
Applied for PDL	46%	43%	25%	50%	43%	32%	31%	0%	20%	33%	0%	57%	31%	36%	60%	21%	26%	27%	43%	27%	7%	<span style="color: green;">●</span>
PDL approval rate	100%	92%	92%	60%	100%	88%	75%	NA	67%	100%	NA	100%	75%	100%	100%	38%	80%	100%	75%	83%	100%	<span style="color: green;">●</span>
Clinical rotation preferences taken into consideration	54%	55%	55%	75%	83%	63%	60%	33%	15%	53%	42%	57%	25%	73%	60%	62%	47%	64%	86%	58%	64%	<span style="color: red;">●</span>
Satisfied with research and audit opportunities	23%	28%	55%	38%	17%	46%	28%	50%	0%	47%	8%	86%	17%	36%	0%	30%	42%	36%	0%	37%	7%	<span style="color: red;">●</span>
<b>WEIGHTED DOMAIN SCORE:</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>42%</b>	<b>26%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>56%</b>	<b>47%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>60%</b>	
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<b>Hours of work and overtime</b>																						
Working >90 hours overtime	25%	17%	22%	13%	20%	8%	12%	33%	8%	13%	0%	14%	17%	20%	0%	38%	16%	0%	29%	26%	25%	<span style="color: green;">●</span>
Payment of required un-rostered overtime	75%	74%	33%	67%	60%	62%	20%	17%	64%	62%	75%	86%	60%	60%	80%	53%	84%	50%	86%	59%	75%	<span style="color: orange;">●</span>
Advised not to claim overtime	33%	39%	39%	0%	20%	17%	42%	50%	33%	33%	22%	29%	58%	38%	40%	45%	11%	0%	0%	50%	22%	<span style="color: orange;">●</span>
Concerned it may negatively effect their assessment	38%	48%	58%	20%	40%	24%	65%	33%	40%	44%	0%	67%	45%	38%	20%	52%	42%	20%	20%	46%	20%	<span style="color: orange;">●</span>
<b>WEIGHTED DOMAIN SCORE:</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>87%</b>	<b>57%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>83%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>84%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>77%</b>	<b>76%</b>	<b>98%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>73%</b>	<b>84%</b>	
<b>GRADE:</b>	<b>A-</b>	<b>A-</b>	<b>C+</b>	<b>A-</b>	<b>B+</b>	<b>A-</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D+</b>	<b>A-</b>	<b>B+</b>	<b>A+</b>	<b>A+</b>	<b>B+</b>	<b>B+</b>	<b>A+</b>	<b>B-</b>	<b>A+</b>	<b>B+</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>A-</b>	<b>B+</b>
<b>Wellbeing and workplace culture</b>																						
Hospital facilities are very good or excellent	75%	57%	66%	13%	60%	50%	68%	17%	33%	44%	0%	57%	8%	44%	40%	47%	50%	45%	100%	59%	42%	<span style="color: red;">●</span>
Teaching and training quality is very good or excellent	50%	36%	51%	50%	60%	67%	44%	33%	33%	50%	42%	86%	42%	56%	40%	56%	89%	64%	57%	49%	75%	<span style="color: red;">●</span>
Those who felt concerned about making a clinical error due to fatigue caused by hours worked	50%	41%	39%	38%	25%	36%	54%	50%	25%	31%	33%	57%	90%	56%	25%	47%	33%	67%	17%	34%	42%	<span style="color: red;">●</span>
Those who felt their safety had been compromised at work	17%	14%	11%	0%	20%	13%	40%	17%	25%	38%	8%	0%	33%	0%	80%	25%	6%	18%	14%	29%	8%	<span style="color: red;">●</span>
Adequate break in between shifts	83%	89%	80%	100%	100%	83%	80%	83%	75%	75%	83%	100%	58%	89%	100%	81%	100%	100%	100%	76%	83%	<span style="color: red;">●</span>
<b>WEIGHTED DOMAIN SCORE:</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>67%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>63%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>82%</b>	
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<b>Bullying, discrimination and sexual harassment</b>																						
Personally experienced bullying, discrimination or harassment	25%	12%	9%	13%	0%	0%	17%	0%	8%	13%	9%	14%	8%	11%	25%	6%	11%	30%	0%	10%	0%	<span style="color: orange;">●</span>
Witnessed a colleague being bullied, or harassed	8%	27%	11%	0%	0%	13%	17%	0%	8%	25%	18%	0%	17%	33%	0%	12%	6%	10%	14%	15%	17%	<span style="color: orange;">●</span>
Both experienced and witnessed bullying, discrimination or harassment	17%	8%	20%	38%	0%	26%	33%	50%	17%	13%	18%	43%	25%	11%	50%	22%	11%	20%	14%	22%	25%	<span style="color: orange;">●</span>
For those who experienced or witnessed bullying, the perpetrators were consultants	33%	64%	71%	100%	NA%	50%	63%	75%	80%	67%	60%	50%	43%	40%	67%	71%	15%	67%	50%	61%	50%	<span style="color: orange;">●</span>
For those who experienced or witnessed bullying, the perpetrators were registrars or PHOs	33%	50%	60%	40%	NA%	64%	53%	40%	20%	56%	83%	25%	14%	80%	0%	47%	36%	0%	0%	56%	33%	<span style="color: orange;">●</span>
Did you feel there is anything you could do about it	33%	23%	31%	12%	NA%	30%	25%	50%	25%	50%	27%	29%	33%	33%	25%	44%	56%	30%	29%	54%	33%	<span style="color: orange;">●</span>
Incident report rate	33%	20%	24%	0%	NA%	14%	5%	20%	29%	18%	0%	0%	22%	38%	33%	11%	38%	25%	0%	17%	14%	<span style="color: red;">●</span>
Reported incidents were appropriately addressed	50%	13%	47%	0%	NA%	25%	0%	67%	60%	67%	NA	NA	33%	83%	0%	40%	75%	50%	NA	60%	67%	<span style="color: orange;">●</span>
Felt concerned that there might be negative consequences for you in the workplace/training if you were to report bullying, discrimination or sexual harassment?	83%	50%	51%	50%	60%	48%	71%	67%	67%	63%	82%	86%	100%	56%	75%	75%	56%	50%	57%	49%	58%	<span style="color: orange;">●</span>
<b>WEIGHTED DOMAIN SCORE:</b>	<b>29%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>53%</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>55%</b>	<b>30%</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>41%</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>19%</b>	<b>44%</b>	<b>25%</b>	<b>38%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>46%</b>	<b>54%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>48%</b>	
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<b>WEIGHTED OVERALL SCORE*</b>	<b>62%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>60%</b>	<b>65%</b>	<b>80%</b>	<b>70%</b>	<b>58%</b>	<b>61%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>66%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>81%</b>	<b>52%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>51%</b>	<b>59%</b>	<b>79%</b>	<b>69%</b>	<b>72%</b>	<b>68%</b>	<b>67%</b>	
<b>OVERALL GRADE</b>	<b>C+</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C+</b>	<b>B-</b>	<b>B+</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C+</b>	<b>C+</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>B-</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>A-</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>C+</b>	<b>A-</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>B-</b>	<b>B-</b>	<b>B-</b>

\* Weighted Overall Score represents cumulative total of adjusted domain scores which were generated from raw scores adjusted by individual domain ranking data

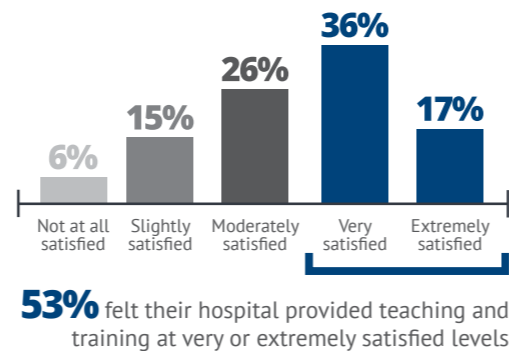
# Top six priorities in Queensland

The following are the six highest ranked domains in order of priority from one being the highest ranked.

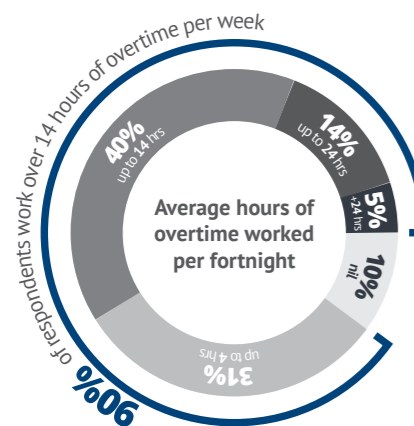
## 1. Clinical rotation preferences



## 2. Teaching and education standards



## 3. Un-rostered overtime payment

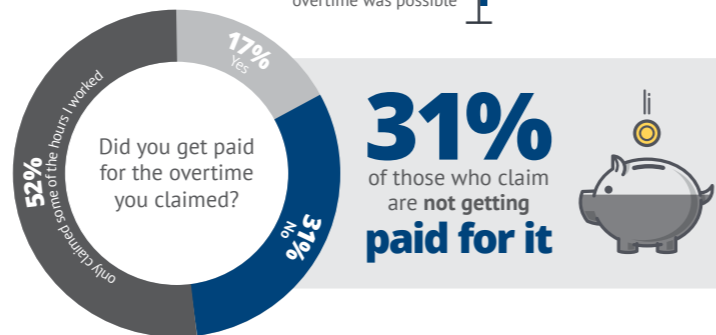


**16%** claiming un-rostered overtime

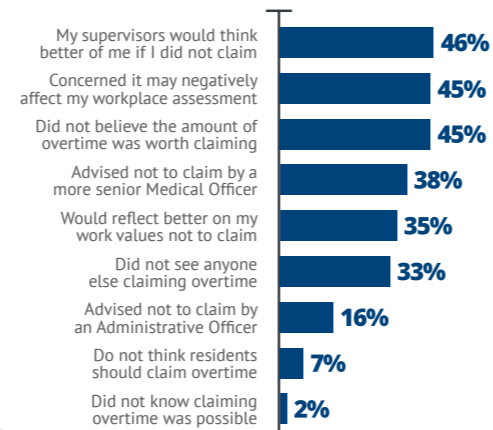
**42%** are concerned claiming would negatively affect their end of term assessment



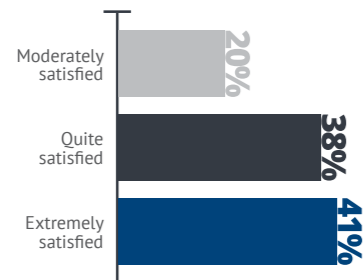
**More than 50%** are advised not to claim overtime by senior staff



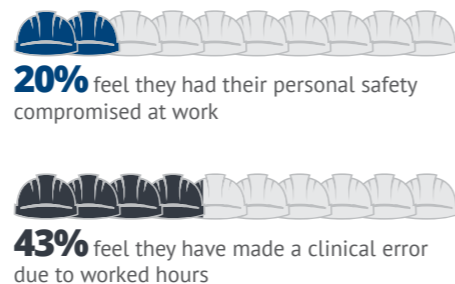
If you did not claim un-rostered overtime, what was the reason?



## 4. Annual leave allocation

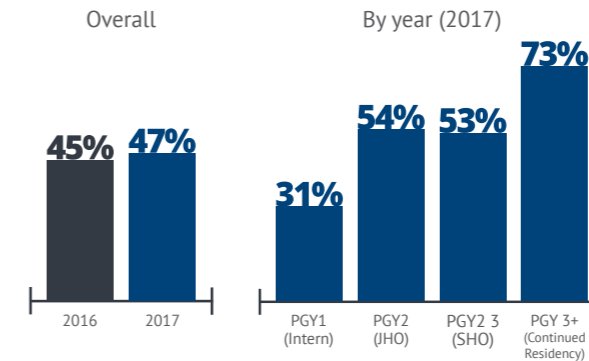


## 5. Personal safety at work



## 6. Bullying and harassment

Respondents who had personally experienced or witnessed bullying, discrimination or sexual harassment in their workplace



If witnessing bullying, discrimination or sexual harassment, did you feel there was anything you could do?



**61%** were concerned of negative consequences if they reported harassment

**50%** of all bullying, discrimination and harassment came from Consultants

## FURTHER INFORMATION

The results were converted from numerical percentages into overall grades ranging from E- to A+. Grades were determined by setting the lower range of a C grade at 50%. The individual grade ranges were then spread evenly from that set point, with an incremental 6.25% for each grade up to 100%.

If you would like to discuss any aspect of the AMA Queensland CDT Resident Hospital Health Check survey in greater detail, please email [cdt@amaq.com.au](mailto:cdt@amaq.com.au) and a member of the team will get back to you. Before relying on the information contained in the survey results provided, Doctors in Training should carefully evaluate its accuracy, currency, completeness and relevance for their purposes, and should obtain independent advice relevant to their particular circumstances where necessary, including consulting with the relevant hospital or place of employment.

**The AMA Queensland Industrial Relations Team also provides confidential, assured advice to Doctor in Training members on employment terms and conditions, and any aspect of your employment that is causing you concern. You can contact the team on (07) 3872 2222 to discuss.**

Not a member of AMA Queensland? You can join at [ama.com.au/join-ama](http://ama.com.au/join-ama) to receive support and guidance on employment matters in addition to a range of professional development programs, services and benefits to support your journey in medicine.

## DISCLAIMER

The AMA Queensland Council of Doctors in Training Resident Hospital Health Check Survey was completed on a voluntary basis by Queensland doctors in training (Interns, Junior House Officers, Senior House Officers and Continued Residency).

The purpose of this document is to assist graduating medical students as well as current interns and residents with their decision making process when deciding on which hospitals to apply for in the upcoming intern and RMO campaigns.

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