

Work for us

LifeFlight exists to save lives



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LifeFlight Retrieval Medicine (LRM) is Australia's largest employer of pre-hospital retrieval medicine doctors. LifeFlight recruits nationally and internationally, employing 150 doctors, from Advanced Training Registrars through to Critical Care Specialists, to cover a state-wide service to Queensland and beyond. LRM provides medical officers to 10 LRM bases within Queensland which operate a 24 hour, 7 day a week service all year round. LRM medical officers work across LifeFlight owned and occupied bases, as well as Government and commercially-owned assets and bases under contract to the Queensland Health department.

Exciting opportunities are available for six to twelve month placements starting in February and August each year, with a mandatory intensive training week immediately prior to commencement. If you are working in the Australian healthcare system, this will be the last week of your medical term and arrangements for leave will need to be organised. Positions are accredited for six months in Pre-hospital & Retrieval Medicine Special Skills Placement by the Australasian College for Emergency Medicine (ACEM) and recognised/supported by the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA) and the College of Intensive Care Medicine (CICM). LRM is in the process of going through accreditation with ACEM for the DipPHRM recognition as the only state provider for Queensland.

LifeFlight mission statistics for the 2021/22 Financial Year:

6,825

people helped

1,962

people helped by our RACQ LifeFlight Rescue community helicopters

432

people helped by RACQ LifeFlight Rescue Air Ambulance jet missions

59

people helped by the Surat Gas Aeromedical Service (SGAS)

Top 5 Queensland patient injury and illness types:



316

serious illness/infection



287

cardiac conditions



239

motor vehicle accidents



149

respiratory (not COVID-19)



126

falls

World Leader

LifeFlight is a world leader in aeromedical care and Australia's most diversified service, operating both a fixed-wing and rotary-wing fleet.



Assets and bases



10 ROTARY WING ASSETS



04 FIXED WING ASSETS



08 BASE FACILITIES



10 LRM BASES

SINGAPORE JET BASE



A Career as a Lifeflight Retrieval Medical Officer is a career like no other...

Every one of our doctors, nurses, paramedics and aircrew are highly skilled in their field of expertise. They bring a broad range of experience in pre-hospital retrieval medical care directly to our patients.

Our medical staff receive clinical supervision and specialised training throughout their time with LRM, including at our internationally recognised LifeFlight Training Academy. LifeFlight Retrieval Medical Officers experience unique clinical settings and diverse caseloads including:

Inter-facility Transfers:

Also referred to as inter-hospital transfers, or IFT's; these retrievals primarily assist rural and regional patients to access hospital care in larger cities for definitive care.

Primary Response Missions:

These include road traumas and any accident/medical scene not accessible by road (mountain,

beach, bushland/remote country) or too far geographically for ambulances to reach quickly. From time to time, medical officers will also accompany the ambulance service on a road job.

Modified Primary Response Missions:

A modified primary is where a patient has effectively had a "scoop and run" by road ambulance to the closest regional/remote health facility to begin stabilisation, however, needs critical care intervention and transfer to a larger metropolitan hospital for treatment. These are counted in the 'Inter-facility transfer' numbers.

Search and Rescues:

Assisting the search for missing persons, injured crew and passengers at sea.

Air Ambulance Transfers:

Long-distance domestic transfers to secondary/tertiary hospitals, as well as international missions.

Alternative career path as a Jet Retrieval Physician

LRM Jet Retrieval Physicians work alongside Flight Nurses as part of the clinical team, providing a high level of care to all patients retrieved by RACQ LifeFlight Rescue Air Ambulance jets, which are a dedicated fleet of medically configured air ambulance jets. Our current fleet includes four Challenger 604s across the Brisbane, Townsville and Singapore bases.

Jet (or Fixed Wing) Retrieval Physicians are dedicated solely to our Air Ambulance fleet and not used on the helicopter service. You will provide both rapid response and scheduled medical transports for sick and injured patients throughout the country and around the world.

Explore available positions

www.lifeflight.org.au/careers



Eligibility for Pre hospital retrieval medicine (PHRM)

Career Pathway

The following information is based on an Australian graduate, however should you be overseas trained, the minimum clinical outline can be adapted to an international training program. This information will assist you in shaping your career, so you can be eligible to apply for an interview with LRM. For greater detail, please visit our website www.lifeflight.org.au/careers

- Intern (PGY1) – Compulsory Terms
- JHO (PGY2) – Gain time in critical care terms (ICU / Anaes / ED)
- SHO (PGY3) – Continue gaining time in critical care terms (ICU / Anaes / ED)
- PHO (PGY4) – If you are unable to secure terms or half terms in any of the above, see if you can secure a 3 to 6-month post at this level
- Registrar (PGY 4/5 +) – the following Colleges are recognised for Pre-Hospital

ACEM		ANZCA	
PT	6 months ED 3 months ICU & Anaes PASS PART 1 EXAMINATION	IT 6 Months	Anaesthetics
AT1 Junior Registrar	12 months ED (inc. paed) *Paeds is 6 months or 12 mixed	BT 18 Months	47 weeks Anaes ICU/Paed in this time PASS PART 1 EXAMINATION
AT2 Registrar	18 months must be ED Other 6 months is LRM (PHRM) At Non-ED or Discretionary time	AT 24 Months	Need 6 months ED as your OCT Paeds/ICU in this time
AT3 Senior Registrar		PFT 12 Months	LRM counted as OCT
PT = Provisional Trainee AT = Advanced Trainee		IT = Introductory Trainee BT = Basic Trainee AT = Advanced Trainee PFT = Provisional Fellowship Trainee	
CICM		ACRRM	
FT 6 Months	PASS PART 1 EXAMINATION	CGT 12 Months	
CT1 12 Months	6 months ED	AST 12 Months (JCCA - Anaesthetics)	
CT2 12 Months	12 months Anaes 6 months LRM counts as Elective, Acute Medicine or Retrieval	CGT 24 Months	12 months rural hospital covering wards & mixed ED, anaesthetic list 6 months ICU - NB: you must seek prior approval by ACRRM
TY 12 Months	LRM counts Elective/AM/Retrieval	Once completed all of the above training then eligible to apply to LRM	
FT = Foundation Trainee CT = Core Trainee TY = Transition Year		CGT = Core Generalist Training AST = Advanced Specialist Training	

The easiest way to remember how to make yourself eligible with LRM is when at your training Registrar level you complete the following and are 2 years or less from Fellowship:

- 6 months ED
- 6 months Anaesthetics
- 6 months ICU
- 6 months Paediatrics Anaes / ICU / ED (or 12 months in a mixed department of Adult and Paeds)

Please note: there is some flexibility around these, but this is the simplest way to show the minimum clinical requirements.

If you are unable to commit to this exact formula during your training years, you are always welcome to apply to LRM as extra time or post Fellowship.

Why choose LRM

If you are an overseas trained medical officer and are thinking about applying, we do something most organisations do not. We have a dedicated Recruitment Officer who assists in navigating the medical registration and immigration processes from start to finish, with detailed instructions and pre-loaded forms to make your journey easier.

How we prepare you

LRM conducts an intensive training week which includes teaching and lectures from a cross section of internationally respected Consultant staff from across the state who come together to assist you in preparing for this challenging role. This is held at our state of the art Brisbane-based LifeFlight Training Academy (LTA) which currently houses the most advanced helicopter simulator in the world (Thales LifeFlight Reality H AW139 Civil Helicopter Simulator). This includes specific operational training for rotary and fixed wing retrieval medicine and clinical skills training in emergency retrieval and pre-hospital care. The training includes HUET (Helicopter Underwater Escape Training), winching operations and disaster management to name a few. There are dedicated real cabin simulators as well as dynamic mannequins for paediatric and adult care. Post training week in Brisbane, recruits relocate to their primary base for further local base orientation. LRM continues to support and educate medical officers throughout their term with weekly in-services, debriefs and clinical audits.

Please note: all doctors working with LifeFlight are employed to work across the state-wide retrieval service. This means while everyone has a home base and team, there will be a requirement to rotate to other locations as needed. You can expect the majority of your rostered shifts to be worked at your home location, however you will be expected to cover rostered shifts elsewhere (at any of the other bases). Rotating has the dual benefit of ensuring the whole system is properly staffed and served with top level clinical care, as well as giving you the experience of adapting to different locations and clinical environments. LRM organise and pay for the cost of sending you to other bases outside of your primary location. This usually includes car hire, accommodation, flights and meal allowance.

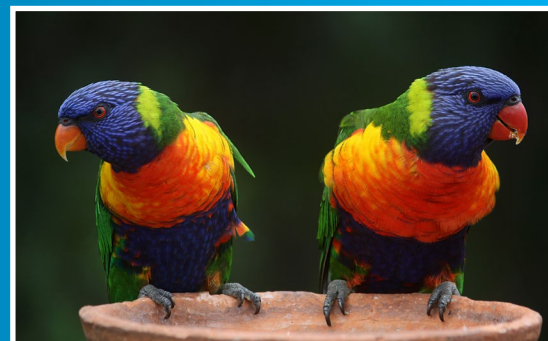
Welcome to Queensland... Beautiful one day, perfect the next.



- Brisbane ①
- Gold Coast ②
- Sunshine Coast ③
- Fraser Coast ④
- Bundaberg ⑤
- Gladstone ⑥
- Southern Queensland Country ⑦
- Capricorn ⑧
- Mackay ⑨
- Whitsunday ⑩
- Townsville ⑪
- Cairns & Tablelands ⑫
- Outback Queensland ⑬
- Gulf Savannah ⑭
- Cape York ⑮

Every day, the Queensland lifestyle entices people to visit, work and settle from all over the world. Known as Australia's 'Sunshine State,' Queensland towns and cities are some of the most liveable in the world. The state offers a high standard of living with:

- » a sense of well-being and safety
- » a stable economy
- » affordable housing
- » a world-class education system
- » advanced health services
- » modern roads and public transport
- » 6 international airports
- » white sandy beaches, national parks, and the 'outback'
- » a subtropical and tropical climate
- » an eclectic mix of friendly people who form a supportive community



Living here

Payroll

Health employees are paid fortnightly. Depending on when (in the pay cycle) you start work, will determine how soon you get your first pay. So be sure you have access to enough available cash to last a few weeks.

Mobile Phones

The best mobile coverage is provided by Telstra. As you will sometimes be in remote areas, we recommend using Telstra to ensure you always have service. www.telstra.com.au

Banking

If you open a bank account within six weeks of your arrival, you usually only need your passport as identification. After six weeks, you will need additional identification to open an account, for example, a driver's licence and tax file number. Some larger banking facilities allow accounts to be opened prior to arrival in Australia. These include The Commonwealth Bank, Westpac, and ANZ. Banks are generally open 9:30am-4pm Mon-Thu; 9:30am - 5pm Fri. ATM cards can be used at both ATMs and at most retail locations. For more information on banking in Australia visit the [Australian Bankers Association](#).

Accommodation

Renting - Regulated by the [Residential Tenancy Authority](#)

When you move into rental accommodation you will be required to pay a rental bond.

Rental bond is money used as a security deposit against any damages to property and unpaid rent. Bond is usually calculated as 4 times the weekly rent, but if the weekly rent is over \$500 there is no limit to the amount of bond that can be charged. You will also need to provide 2 week's rent in advance, when you first move into a property.

Buying - Temporary residents in Australia for a period exceeding 12 months from the time of application for approval are eligible under foreign investment policy to acquire residential real estate. If the property being purchased is an established dwelling, that is, one that has been previously occupied or sold, foreign investment approval is still available provided that the dwelling is to be used as the person's principal place of residence, not for rental purposes and the property must be sold when their visa expires or they cease to reside in Australia.

More information is available at the [Foreign Investment Review Board](#)

Websites with accommodation for sale or rent:

www.realestate.com.au
www.domain.com.au
www.seqrents.com.au



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