



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte  
Health Service Executive



## **Interim Crewing Arrangements for Postgraduate Paramedic Interns: Guidance for Interns**

1. As a Postgraduate paramedic intern you have successfully completed the NQEMT examination and are placed on the post-graduate division of the PHECC register for a 12 month period post NQEMT. Postgraduate paramedic interns will benefit from working alongside a fully registered paramedic for the 12 month post graduate internship period. This document is intended to guide NAS Post Graduate Interns on the optimum rostering arrangements during your postgraduate paramedic internship.
2. Postgraduate paramedic interns are not permitted, under any circumstances, to be rostered with registered or unregistered Emergency Medical Technicians. Should you as an Intern discover that you have been rostered to work with an EMT you must bring this issue to the attention of the LEMT/Supervisor and/or Operations Resource Manager immediately.
3. Managers should seek to minimise instances of postgraduate paramedic interns crewing together and Interns should take every appropriate step available to them to avoid such crewing arrangements. All other alternatives to two postgraduate paramedic interns crewing together should be exhausted before allowing such a rostering arrangement to proceed.
4. In the event that it is not possible to avoid two Post Graduate Interns being rostered together such crewing arrangements must only occur when both individuals have successfully completed their first in-service assessment.
5. Such crewing arrangements should, be agreed between the Operations Resource Manager and the relevant Education and Competency Assurance Officer with respect to the individuals concerned, so as to confirm that the first in-service assessments have been successfully completed. Once agreement has been made LEMTs/supervisors should be kept informed.
6. Postgraduate paramedic interns should never be dispatched as solo responders.
7. Postgraduate paramedic interns should not drive under emergency conditions until they have successfully completed emergency driver training. Exceptional circumstances may arise where it is unavoidable for

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interns to drive under emergency conditions but every effort must be made to minimise such instances.

8. From January 1<sup>st</sup> 2013, NAS will only permit postgraduate paramedic interns to work alongside a fully registered paramedic.

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