In 2015, 57 respiratory and sleep medicine consultants were identified as working in Western Australia (WA).

Respiratory and sleep medicine supply is currently below demand with a low risk shortfall identified in 2015. Trainee throughput is insufficient to keep pace with the growth in demand and the expected number of retirements. More than one-third of the current workforce is expected to retire by 2025.

It is anticipated that there should be employment opportunities in the future with medium and high risk shortfalls projected for 2021 and 2025, respectively.

Respiratory and sleep medicine had a low shortfall risk in 2015, becoming medium by 2021 and high by 2025.
Vocational training requirements: Three years basic training full-time (PGY1, PGY2, PGY3 to be completed prior to entering the College program). Four years advanced training full-time equivalent.


Source: Australian Government Department of Health, Medical Training Review Panel, Eighteenth Report

### Projected consultant supply and demand 2015 to 2025

Projections indicate demand will exceed supply.

In 2025 the respiratory and sleep medicine workforce is projected to be 61 consultants.

Supply will be insufficient to meet expected demand of 82 consultants in 2025.

### Workforce planning 2015 to 2025

**Growth in demand:** An estimated 1.69 consultants were needed in 2015 to service the growth in demand. This is expected to increase to approximately 2.23 consultants per annum by 2025.

**Retirements:** 33% of the 2015 workforce is expected to retire by 2025.

**Vocational trainees:** Currently producing 2.33 new consultants per annum which is insufficient to cover retirements or service the growth in demand.

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* The information provided is a snapshot in time and does not take into account innovation, reform and/or changing models of care. Shortfalls presented are a guide only based on weighted activity based modelling conducted as part of the specialist workforce capacity program (SWCP). Other approaches could yield different results.

This document should be read in conjunction with “User information: Specialist Workforce Capacity Program summary sheets”.

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