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MINISTER WELCOMES RECORD NUMBER OF INTERNS

Health Minister Jillian Skinner has welcomed the record 925 interns who start work from today across the state's hospital network.

"This is an exciting day in the life of every young doctor," Mrs Skinner told medical graduates at Liverpool Hospital on their first day of orientation.

"You have graduated from your university studies and are now embarking on a challenging new journey, in which you will build clinical expertise. I wish you well."

Interns will gain broad experience during their year-long placement, rotating through metropolitan, outer metropolitan or rural hospitals, as well as GP practices. They will complete compulsory terms in the fields of medicine, surgery and emergency.

"I am proud of NSW's investment in training interns, ensuring they become doctors who can deliver the highest quality care to the people of our state," Mrs Skinner said.

Sydney hospitals in which graduates will commence their internship include: Auburn (10), Bankstown-Lidcombe (25), Blacktown (10), Campbelltown-Camden (15), Canterbury (10), Concord (35), Fairfield (10), Hornsby (20), Liverpool (41), Mona Vale (11), Mount Druitt (27), Nepean (54), Prince of Wales (39), Royal North Shore (44), Royal Prince Alfred (45), St George (44), St Vincent's (31), Sutherland (24), Westmead (70).

Outside Sydney, major allocations include: Coffs Harbour (19), Dubbo (12), Gosford (36), John Hunter in Newcastle (52), Lismore (13), Orange (15), Port Macquarie (16), Tamworth (16), Tweed Heads (16), Wagga Wagga (20), Wollongong (46), Wyong (25).

Mrs Skinner said the demand for intern places continues to grow. This year's intake of 925 is an increase of almost 80 from 2012.

On February 22, NSW will host a National Medical Intern Summit in Sydney, bringing together Commonwealth, state and territory health ministers, medical deans from universities and representatives of peak medical bodies to explore options to increase the number of internships across both the public and private health sectors.