Internship FAQ's

Here is some useful information, designed to give you an understanding of the Internship process, and the required documents for self sourced Internships.

When do I need to start preparing?

Weeks 15-20 - prepare your Internship resume, or Internship documents – below for documents required

Complete the Elearning Internship module - you will be emailed details of this prior to consultation

When will I meet with my Placement Consultant?

During your 6th subject (weeks 22/23) – you will receive an invitation to book in a consultation prior to this

Can I find my own Internship?

Yes, you have the option to source your own paid or unpaid internship as long as it meets the requirements below:

- Your position is related to your field of study (IT or Accounting), and at least 80% of your tasks are related to your study
- You are a paid employee of the company or you have an unpaid internship
- If you are on a contract, this should cover your Internship period
- You are supervised by someone who is experienced / qualified in this field. For accounting students, you ideally must have someone in the company who is registered with a professional body such as CPA or CA, or who can demonstrate their relevant experience and suitability as a Mentor
- Your office space (must be a commercial property) is compliant with nationally recognised WHS (Work Health and Safety) standards
- Your employment/internship is at least 21 hours per week over a minimum of 3 days per week for 12 consecutive weeks
- You are working in a professional business environment and have your own desk space
- There is a fully functional IT/ACC department (For unpaid interns, there has to be a minimum of 3 people in your team)
- For unpaid interns, you cannot intern in a sole trader, partnership, migration or visa agency, or any organisation that is hosting two or more PY interns
- Unpaid accounting internships are not permitted

Note - all self sourced Internships need to be approved by your Placement Consultant, in line with the guidelines from our professional bodies

What type of documents will I need to provide?

The required documents will depend on whether the Internship is paid or unpaid, and will include (but are not limited to) the following:

Paid Internships

- Self Sourced Questionnaire will be emailed to you in week 20
- Payslips covering a 6 week period
- Job Description
- Contract / Letter of confirmation
- WFH form or company WHS Policy

Unpaid Internships

- Self sourced Questionnaire will be emailed to you in week 20
- Letter of confirmation
- Training plan outline of what tasks they will do
- Organisational chart
- If you are an Accounting student, confirmation of Mentor's Accounting registration, or other documents to confirm Mentors experience and suitability
- A site visit will be conducted prior to internship start date

What if my Internship is NOT approved?

If all your documents have been submitted on time and your Internship is NOT approved, then your Placement Consultant will find you a suitable Unpaid Internship with one of our Host companies