

BANKSTOWN BASE

CareFlight provides medical personnel (registrars and specialists) to the Ambulance Service of NSW (ASNSW). These bases are located at Bankstown and Orange.

Bankstown is approximately 40 minutes from the CBD and 40 minutes from CareFlight's base at Westmead (out of peak hour traffic).

CareFlight provides 50% of the registrars and specialists to the Bankstown base and the Ambulance Service of NSW (ASNSW) provides the other 50%.

All CareFlight registrars are rostered to the Bankstown base and this would constitute approximately 60% of a registrar's rostered time.

Shifts

- 50% of Bankstown shifts are on-duty crewing one of the two helicopters (Agusta-Westland AW-139s)
- 50% of Bankstown shifts are on-call for road ambulance retrievals around Sydney and fixed wing aircraft (KingAir B200) long-range retrievals from around NSW
- Registrars do a mix of day, evening and night shifts, both on-duty and on-call, including weekends and public holidays:
 - Duty day shift: 0730 – 1930
 - Duty night shift: 1930 – 0730
 - On-call day shift: 0700 – 1900
 - On-call night shift: 1900 – 0700
 - Evening shift: 1200 – 2400
 - Operations Support:
 - on-call sick relief 0700 – 2400
 - on-call 2400 - 0700



Operation

The majority of missions are pre-hospital transfers which include a significant number of 'primary' scene responses, mostly road traffic accidents. Inter-hospital transfers make up around 40% of missions.

Registrars are trained in winch rescue as part of their induction training, with renewal of this training (on the ground) at monthly intervals – known as 'currency' training.

Note: for more information, see [General Orientation Program](#).

The majority of shifts are at the Bankstown base. Registrars are rostered to the Orange base for two to three days duration, approximately five to six times during the rotation.

Note: for more information, see [Orange Base](#).

