

HEALTH WORKFORCE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM



NSW RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK
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The Health Workforce Scholarship Program (HWSP) provides scholarships and bursaries to help health professionals in remote, rural and regional Australia retain and enhance their skills, capacity and scope of practise.

The program is an initiative of the Australian Government Department of Health, administered in NSW by NSW Rural Doctors Network (RDN).

The HWSP is available to medical, nursing, midwifery, allied health, dental and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health professionals providing primary health care in the Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs) sector, non-government organisations and private practice.

This program is designed to address skill shortages in rural and remote communities across Australia.

Doctors independently working toward Fellowship may also access the HWSP for pre-exam preparation support.

*The HWSP offers two types of funding:

- **Scholarships**
A payment up to \$10,000 per year, for up to two years, toward the cost of completing a postgraduate course leading to a postgraduate qualification.
- **Bursaries**
Payment up to \$10,000 (maximum of \$10,000 in total in one year) for professional development and upskilling course fees and associated accommodation and travel-related expenses.

The allocation of program funds is based on RDN's annual Health Workforce Needs Assessment (HWNA). The HWNA identifies specific upskilling and training areas as a priority for NSW.

THIS SERVICE MAY BENEFIT



DOCTORS
VR & NON-VR



ALLIED HEALTH
PROFESSIONALS



NURSES AND
MIDWIVES

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ABOUT NSW RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK

NSW Rural Doctors Network

NSW Rural Doctors Network (RDN) is a not-for-profit and non-government organisation and is the Australian Government's designated Rural Workforce Agency (RWA) for health in NSW.

Our vision is for improved health service access for all Australians – no matter where they live.

We seek to support better health and wellbeing for people living in remote, rural and regional and disadvantaged communities, particularly those in NSW and the ACT.

To achieve this vision, we seek to grow and strengthen a capable primary health workforce, support communities in tailored health workforce solutions, support the capacity of health service organisations, contribute to policy and ensure RDN's continued effectiveness.

RDN offers a range of services, programs and activities across NSW that:

- help remote, rural and regional communities, General Practices and health services to find suitably skilled and qualified General Practitioners (GPs), nurses and allied health professionals to work in their towns
- assist suitably skilled and qualified GPs, nurses and allied health professionals to pursue careers in remote, rural and regional NSW (both Australian and International Medical Graduates/Overseas Trained Doctors)
- support existing remote, rural and regional doctors, nurses and allied health professionals through the provision of Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activities and succession planning
- provide financial support for further study, training and short courses
- assist in finding locum support for remote, rural and regional GPs, including through our unique and free RDN Locum Match
- deliver a wide range of health outreach services to rural towns
- support remote, rural and regional medical partners and families
- provide a range of scholarships, support and information for students studying medicine or health-related degrees in NSW.

RDN also works with:

- Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Services (ACCHSs) to support health services for Aboriginal peoples
- rural NSW Primary Health Networks (PHNs) to support remote, rural and regional GPs
- local communities, governments and rural Local Health Districts (LHDs) on medical workforce matters
- university medical faculties to promote rural medicine.