

PRIMARY HEALTH CARE WORKFORCE DATA SERVICE



NSW RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK
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NSW Rural Doctors Network (RDN) maintains an extensive rural primary health care workforce database and can support requests for workforce data.

Understanding the demographics, trends, and nuances of the rural primary health care workforce is integral to the equitable workforce distribution and health of rural communities.

As the designated Rural Workforce Agency (RWA) for NSW, RDN has developed and maintains an extensive rural primary health care workforce database, which includes data on General Practitioners (GPs), general practices, allied health and outreach services.

The database is informed by workforce surveys and through RDN operational workforce activities.

RDN uses workforce data to produce an annual Health Workforce Needs Assessment (HWNA) that informs RDN's workforce planning activities, and can support data requests for research and publications, workforce planning, policy development and other purposes, subject to privacy, confidentiality and ethics considerations.

RDN also supports collaboration opportunities, contributions of evidence to the sector, and data linkage that contribute to improved rural health outcomes.

THIS SERVICE MAY BENEFIT



STUDENTS



DOCTORS



ACCHSs



ALLIED HEALTH
PROFESSIONALS



PRACTICE MANAGERS
AND PRACTICE OWNER

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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.