

SUPPORTING OUR MEDICAL RURAL BONDED STUDENTS AND DOCTORS



NSW RURAL DOCTORS NETWORK
CELEBRATING 30 YEARS

The Australian Government's Bonded Programs aim to provide more Australian trained doctors in areas of workforce shortage, particularly in remote, rural and regional Australia.

The Department of Health has reformed the Bonded Medical Program to provide greater support for bonded students and doctors. New arrangements to the Program commenced 1 January 2020.

Bonded doctors play an essential and valued role in helping remote and rural communities access healthcare services and NSW Rural Doctors Network (RDN) is committed to providing tailored services to bonded students and doctors, including:

- opportunities to experience living and working in a rural area, including hands-on clinical workshops and social events
- career planning advice for students with a return of service commitment with the Department
- connecting Bonded Program participants to vacancies that will meet their contractual requirements at the end of their training
- relocation grants (for eligible specialties) and other supports to help scholars enjoy their work when they commence.

RDN's support for bonded scholars who have achieved Fellowship and have a return of service obligation in rural NSW (RA2-5), includes:

- working to assess a doctor's individual needs and identifying strategies to support transition to general practice in rural NSW
- access to the largest database of current General Practitioner (GP) and GP Locum vacancies in NSW
- introducing doctors to the practice that best suits their professional and personal needs
- access to grants for site visits, relocation, Continuing Professional Development and RDN annual conferences for eligible doctors
- a welcome kit when commencing a new role, to connect doctors with information, services and networks
- access to the Health Workforce Scholarship Program (HWSP) for upskilling.

THIS SERVICE MAY BENEFIT



DOCTORS
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STUDENTS

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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.