

Who can apply for locum relief?

To be eligible to apply for this locum service, you need to be vocationally recognised and working as a GP in a rural or remote area (RA 2-5 location).

Locum availability is limited so priority will be given to rural and remote GPs in most need.

To apply for locum relief, visit www.ruralgplocum.org.au

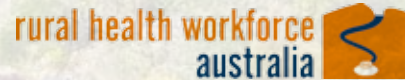
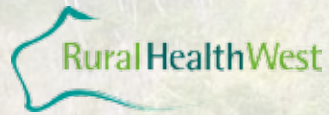
(To check the RA classification of your town, visit www.doctorconnect.gov.au)

How does the subsidy work?

The locum subsidy is paid by the relevant Rural Workforce Agency to the GP host.

It is available for each day the locum is paid to work in the host practice, up to 14 days.

The GP host may request to have the locum subsidy as 14 continuous days or as a series of days up to 14 days depending on the placement.



The Rural GP Locum Program is funded by the Australian Government.

Rural General Practice Locum Program RGPLP



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The RGPLP – giving country doctors a break

Like most people, rural and remote GPs need to have time off. Sometimes it is hard to find a replacement and they are reluctant to leave their community without medical services.

That is why Rural Health Workforce Australia, in partnership with the Rural Workforce Agencies, is pleased to provide rural and remote GPs with support through the Rural GP Locum Program (RGPLP).

The program has two elements.

Firstly, it recruits GPs who are willing to support their rural and remote colleagues by providing a locum service.

Secondly, it provides eligible rural and remote GPs with a subsidy to offset the costs of engaging a locum.

RGPLP is unique because it is the only government-funded national GP locum program in Australia.

Why become a rural locum?

Rural locum work is a great way to expand your skills while practising a more diverse and challenging range of medicine including Aboriginal health.

You will also be supporting rural and remote GPs who need a short-term break. The level of commitment required is flexible, and can be as little as two days a year up to two or three weeks depending upon your availability.

For locums who choose to make an ongoing commitment to a particular town, there is the opportunity to become a much-loved member of that community.

Support includes assistance with travel, accommodation and provider numbers. Rural Workforce Agencies will also help locums find placements that meet their needs.

To register to become part of the locum pool, visit www.ruralgplocum.org.au

