

Rural Workforce Agencies have collaborated to deliver Department of Health programs across Australia for in excess of 20 years. From student support programs to succession planning, RWAs continue to work with communities, practitioners and the Department to support regional, rural and remote health distribution, equity and sustainability objectives.

2021 snapshot: Department of Health programs delivered nationally by RWAs

Rural Health Workforce Support Activity

Seven not-for-profit organisations, one single grant agreement with the Commonwealth Department of Health.



Workforce planning



Working with GPs, nurses, midwives, First Nations and allied health workers



Recruitment



Practice management support



Relocation grants and transition support



Student and graduate programs



Professional development



Networking and wellbeing initiatives



Locum and outreach programs



Succession planning

RWAs work collaboratively with one another to deliver contracted programs Australia-wide, supported by the Rural Workforce Agency Network (RWAN) National Coordination Unit.

More Doctors for Rural Australia Program

Supporting non-vocationally recognised doctors to gain general practice experience in rural and remote communities prior to joining a college fellowship program.



263 participants on to training pathways or fellowship in 2021



\$6.25 million supervision & support, and learning & development packages

Visas for GPs Program

Pathway for International Medical Graduates - 2021 outcomes



1519 applications



1070 certificate issued



355 placed in MMM 1 locations



414 placed in MMM 2-7 locations

Health Workforce Scholarship Program

Funding awarded in 2021 to help rural and remote health workers to retain and enhance their skills, capacity and scope of practice.



5031 scholarships and bursaries



\$9,202,300 in grants to support health skills development