



LOCUM PROGRAM

Categorisation of remote/rural towns as at 1 July 2008

As part of Rural Health West's Locum Program, all rural and remote towns (with at least one private GP) have been prioritised into categories based on the degree of remoteness of the town and the number of GPs in the town. These categories will be revised effective 1 July and will remain current for one financial year.

Requests from doctors working in Aboriginal Medical Service (AMS) practices will be dealt with separately.

All rural GPs are encouraged to submit applications for locum cover a minimum of 4-6 months in advance. Applying as early as possible assists doctors to gain the highest available priority within their category.

The town categories determine both the level of priority applied to a group of towns and the level of Practice Support Subsidy to which each doctor is entitled. While every attempt has been made to ensure the number of doctors in a town is correct, figures are based on information provided to Rural Health West by practices and GPs.

In the event the number of GPs working in a town falls, this may vary the priority status and the Practice Support Subsidy payable. Rural Health West reserves the right to vary the subsidy accordingly at the time of receipt of a locum request and may consider increasing the category into which a town falls.

Category 1

Rationale: RRMA 7 towns with 1 GP and an ARIA score of 6.47 or higher.

Exceptions: Jerramungup has an ARIA 5.95 but is very remote (180 km from a regional centre)

Town	ARIA	RRMA	GP number	Practice Support Subsidy
Jerramungup	5.95	7	1	\$2,000.00
Kalbarri	6.62	7	1	\$2,000.00
Kununurra	12.00	7	1	\$2,000.00
Lake Grace	6.47	7	1	\$2,000.00
Laverton	10.17	7	1	\$2,000.00
Leinster	10.57	7	1	\$2,000.00
Leonora	9.12	7	1	\$2,000.00
Mount Magnet	9.07	7	1	\$2,000.00
Norseman	7.59	7	1	\$2,000.00
Pannawonica	10.74	7	1	\$2000.00
Paraburdoo	11.98	7	1	\$2,000.00
Ravensthorpe/Hopetoun	7.41	7	1	\$2,000.00
Southern Cross	6.56	7	1	\$2,000.00

Category 2

Rationale: RRMA 7 towns with 1 GP and an ARIA score of between 3.36 and 6.03

Town	ARIA	RRMA	GP number	Practice Support Subsidy
Bruce Rock	5.15	7	1	\$1,700.00
Dalwallinu	5.10	7	1	\$1,700.00
Gnowangerup	3.36	7	1	\$1,700.00
Kondinin	6.03	7	1	\$1,700.00
Kununoppin	5.19	7	1	\$1,700.00
Morawa	5.33	7	1	\$1,700.00
Mullewa	4.66	7	1	\$1,700.00
Narembeen	5.90	7	1	\$1,700.00
Three Springs	4.95	7	1	\$1,700.00

Category 3

Rationale: RRMA 5 or 6 towns with 1 GP and RRMA 6 or 7 towns with 2 or 3 GPs.

Town	ARIA	RRMA	GP number	Practice Support Subsidy
Boddington	2.56	5	1	\$1,500.00
Carnarvon	10.97	6	3	\$1,500.00
Corrigin	4.81	5	1	\$1,500.00
Cunderdin	2.74	5	2	\$1,500.00
Dongara	3.55	5	1	\$1,500.00
Goomalling	2.29	5	1	\$1,500.00
Kambalda	5.12	7	2	\$1,500.00
Kellerberrin	3.90	5	1	\$1,500.00
Kojonup	4.17	5	1	\$1,500.00
Lancelin	3.08	5	1	\$1,500.00
Merredin	5.31	7	2	\$1,500.00
Newman	8.80	6	2	\$1,500.00
Northampton	4.07	7	1	\$1,500.00
Pingelly	3.37	5	1	\$1,500.00
Quairading	3.31	5	1	\$1,500.00
Tom Price	11.83	7	3	\$1,500.00
Wickham	9.52	6	1	\$1,500.00
Wongan Hills	3.46	5	1	\$1,500.00
Wyalkatchem	3.77	5	1	\$1,500.00

Category 4

Rationale: RRMA 5 towns with 2 or 3 GPs with an ARIA score between 2.37 and 5.34.

Town	ARIA	RRMA	GP number	Practice Support Subsidy
Augusta	4.12	5	2	\$1,000.00
Beverley	2.37	5	3	\$1,000.00
Boyup Brook	3.09	5	2	\$1,000.00
Jurien Bay	5.34	5	2	\$1,000.00
Manjimup	4.18	5	3	\$1,000.00
Moora	4.05	5	2	\$1,000.00
Pemberton	4.77	5	2	\$1,000.00

Wagin	4.11	5	2	\$1000.00
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Category 5

Rationale: RRMA 5 or 6 towns with more than 3 GPs or towns with an ARIA of less than 2.37

Exceptions: Dampier is 16km from Karratha

Note: RRMA 5 towns with 4 or more doctors are not eligible for a Practice Support Subsidy.

Town	ARIA	RRMA	GP number	Practice Support Subsidy
Bindoon	1.94	5	2	\$500.00
Bridgetown	3.28	5	5	\$0.00
Broome/Cable Beach	9.00	6	6	\$500.00
Collie	1.60	5	6	\$0.00
Dampier	9.22	6	1	\$500.00
Denmark	3.64	5	6	\$0.00
Donnybrook	1.99	5	3	\$500.00
Dunsborough	2.45	5	5	\$0.00
Gingin	1.99	5	1	\$500.00
Harvey	1.71	5	3	\$500.00
Katanning	4.76	5	5	\$0.00
Mount Barker	3.25	5	6	\$0.00
Narrogin	3.75	5	5	\$0.00
Port/South Hedland	9.00	6	5	\$500.00
Toodyay	1.43	5	1	\$500.00
York	1.69	5	3	\$500.00

Category 6

Rationale: Towns with 7 or more doctors in total either in the town or in very close proximity

Town	ARIA	RRMA	GP number	Practice Support Subsidy
Albany	2.69	4	36	\$0.00
Australind	0.94	5	10	\$0.00
Boulder	3.87	6	6	\$0.00
Bunbury	1.14	4	37	\$0.00
Busselton	1.84	5	29	\$0.00
Clifton Park	1.14	5	2	\$0.00
Dalyellup	1.33	5	2	\$0.00
Erskine	0.47	4	7	\$0.00
Esperance	7.21	6	11	\$0.00
Falcon	0.47	4	3	\$0.00
Geraldton / Moonyoonooka	2.76	4	29	\$0.00
Greenfields	0.47	4	2	\$0.00
Halls Head	0.47	4	9	\$0.00
Kalgoorlie	3.87	6	13	\$0.00
Karratha	9.00	6	11	\$0.00
Mandurah	0.47	4	42	\$0.00
Margaret River	3.03	5	12	\$0.00
Northam	1.30	5	8	\$0.00
Pinjarra	0.94	5	15	\$0.00
Waroona	1.56	5	1	\$0.00

