

Rural Health West



Rural Health West's Bush Locum program offers attractive incentives to unconditionally registered general practitioners who are willing to do occasional locum work in rural Western Australia.



This program provides great opportunities for general practitioners, including:

- Flexibility** choose the hours you work and the lifestyle you live.
- Travel** travel to remote and regional areas of Western Australia that you would not normally visit and have a holiday at the end of your assignment.
- Experience** meet new people, enjoy a variety of practices.
- Financial** holiday in Western Australia and offset the cost of your travel by doing a week or two of locum work.

Attractive incentives include:

- A bonus payment for every week of Rural Health West priority assignments completed. Amount varies depending on location.
- Accommodation provided between and during assignments.
- The cost of return travel from Perth to assignment.
- Orientation in Perth (including two nights accommodation to a maximum of \$AUD140 per night inc GST).

To be eligible for these incentives, locum assignments must be arranged through Rural Health West.

There are a number of options available when undertaking a locum assignment. The most common is for Rural Health West to find an assignment for you. All arrangements relating to salary, accommodation, travel and conditions will be negotiated on your behalf by Rural Health West. Rural Health West will be responsible for arranging a provider number for the assignment.

If hospital admitting rights are required for an assignment, you will be required to undertake Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) screening, a police clearance and Working with Children Check.

Emergency Skills

Recent accident and emergency skills are not essential for some of our locum assignments. However, opportunities are available for general practitioners wishing to refresh their emergency skills. Please contact the Rural Health West Recruitment Team for details.



Airfare reimbursement and bonus payments schedule

Rural Health West’s Bush Locum program offers general practitioners reimbursement towards the cost of return airfares to Perth, Western Australia. The table below outlines the amount that you will be reimbursed. This amount varies depending on the length of time spent working under the Bush Locum program.

Origin of locum	6 weeks+	5 or 6 weeks	3 or 4 weeks	2 weeks	1 week
New Zealand	\$1,500	\$1,200	\$1,000	\$800	\$500
Eastern States of Australia or rural Western Australia	\$1,000	\$800	\$650	\$500	\$350

Bonus payments are based on the town category of the locum assignment. You will find the town category list available on the Rural Health West website www.ruralhealthwest.com.au > Locum Bookings > Town Categories. Listed below are the weekly bonus amounts for the different town categories. There are no pro-rata rates, a full business week needs to be completed before receiving the weekly bonus payment.

Town category	Bonus payment due per week
1	\$600
2	\$500
3	\$400
4	\$300
5	\$250
6	\$200

To become a Rural Health West Bush Locum, you are required to complete the Casual Locum Registration Form available on the Rural Health West website www.ruralhealthwest.com.au under Working in WA > Australian and NZ Doctors > Locum Assignments.

For further information contact the Rural Health West Recruitment Team on 08 6389 4500 or email locum@ruralhealthwest.com.au

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