



A rural and remote locum assistance program

# Supporting GP and Specialist Anaesthetists



Are you a dedicated GP or specialist anaesthetist serving in a rural or remote area, or perhaps an employer needing temporary coverage for your healthcare facility? The Rural Locum Assistance Program (Rural LAP) is here to provide tailored support to GP and specialist anaesthetists like you. Rural LAP understands the unique challenges and commitments you face in these areas, and we want to alleviate the burden of taking a well-deserved break.

## How Rural LAP benefits GP and Specialist Anaesthetists

At Rural LAP, we recognise the critical role in healthcare that rural and remote GP and specialist anaesthetists play. Our program offers a brokerage-type service with no hidden fees or charges, plus incentives and allowances for our dedicated locums:

### Brokerage-type service

We understand that your work is highly specialised. Rural LAP connects you with locum support that matches your skill set, ensuring seamless continuation of care for your patients.

### No fees or charges

Rural LAP commits to supporting your valuable work without additional financial burden. There are no fees or charges when you access our services. Consider our locum service as a like-for-like placement, meaning that your healthcare facility is only responsible for paying the locum wage, including superannuation and applicable taxes, for the period during which you need cover from the locum.

### Incentives and subsidies

Eligible specialist host organisations receive a subsidy of \$500 plus GST per working day for a GP anaesthetist or \$700 plus GST per working day for a specialist anaesthetist. Locum health professionals stepping in to cover shifts will receive a \$100 per day travel allowance for incidentals, and Rural LAP pays all travel and accommodation costs.

## Rural LAP provides tailored support for different scenarios

### CPD and recreation leave

You can receive a suitably matched locum for 14 working days (categories 2-4) or 28 working days (categories 5-7) for continuing professional development (CPD) and recreation leave. We prioritise placements with a CPD component or categories 6 and 7 locations.

### Team coverage

We understand that teamwork is essential in healthcare. Rural LAP can help relieve multiple team members who are away simultaneously, ensuring that patient care remains uninterrupted.

Please note that all locum requests require two weeks' notice.



**REQUEST A LOCUM**



**BECOME A LOCUM**

## How to apply

You can request a locum if you are an eligible healthcare service needing our support, or you can apply to the locum register as a GP or specialist anaesthetist by visiting our website or scanning the QR codes provided.

## We handle the administrative burden

Rural LAP takes care of all the administrative tasks associated with recruiting appropriate locums for you. Additionally, we arrange and cover all payments for the locum's travel, accommodation, and incidentals while on placement.



## Eligibility criteria tailored to your needs

### Rurality

We prioritise applications based on the level of rurality and the purpose for your leave, guided by the Modified Monash (MM) Model.

### Location categories

Applicants must be within the MM Categories 2 to 7, with specific priorities as outlined:

2	Inner and outer regional Australia (20km away from a town with > 50,000 people)
3	Inner and outer regional Australia (15km away from a town with 15,000 to 50,000 people)
4	Inner and outer regional Australia (10km away from a town with 5,000 to 15,000 people)
5	Inner and outer regional Australia in all areas not classified below
6	Remote Australia
7	Very remote Australia

*State or territory organisations located between MM categories 2–4 are not eligible to apply for locum support.*



Scan this QR code to find out if your location is eligible to receive locum support.

## Eligibility to become a Rural LAP locum

- + Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) or international equivalent
- + Current unrestricted registration as a Medical Practitioner with the Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA).

### Specialist Anaesthetist

- + Evidence of Fellowship with the Australian and New Zealand College of Anaesthetists (ANZCA)
- + Evidence of participating in an accredited CPD program as an anaesthetist.

### GP Anaesthetist

- + General Practitioner license or registration
- + Undergone appropriate training endorsed by the JCCA
- + Evidence of Fellowship with the Royal Australian College of General Practitioners (RACGP) or Australian College of Rural and Remote Medicine (ACCRM).

## Further Information

If you have any questions or need more information tailored to your role as a GP or specialist anaesthetist, don't hesitate to contact a Rural LAP team member visit our website at [rurallap.com.au](https://rurallap.com.au).

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