



Australian Government



A rural and remote locum assistance program

# Supporting GP and Specialist Obstetricians



Are you a dedicated GP or specialist obstetrician serving in a rural or remote area, or perhaps an employer needing temporary coverage for your obstetrics practice?

The Rural Locum Assistance Program (Rural LAP) is here to provide tailored support to GP and specialist obstetricians like you. Rural LAP understands the unique challenges and commitments GP and specialist obstetricians face in these areas, and we want to alleviate the burden of taking a well-deserved break.

## How Rural LAP benefits GP and Specialist Obstetricians

At Rural LAP, we recognise the critical role in healthcare that GP and specialist obstetricians play. Our program offers a brokerage-type service with no hidden fees or charges, plus Australian Government subsidies for eligible host organisations.

### 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 obstetrics practice is only responsible for negotiating and paying the locum wage, including superannuation and applicable taxes, for the period during which you need cover from the locum.

### Subsidies and allowances

Eligible specialist host organisations receive a \$700 per working day Australian Government subsidy and eligible GP host organisations receive \$500 per working day. Rural LAP will pay the locum's accommodation and travel costs plus an allowance of \$100 per day for incidentals.

## Rural LAP provides tailored support for different scenarios

### CPD and recreation leave

You can receive a suitably matched locum for up to 14 working days for continuing professional development (CPD) and recreation leave (categories 2–4).

### Remote placements

For remote placements (categories 5–7) supporting recreation and CPD leave, Rural LAP offers up to 28 working days of locum support. 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 obstetrician by visiting our website or scanning the QR codes provided.

## We handle the administrative burden

Rural LAP will identify eligible GP or specialist locum obstetricians for you to assess their suitability and notify us of your decision.

Additionally, we arrange and cover all payments for the locum's travel, accommodation 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.

### Aboriginal Medical Services

GP and specialist obstetricians working in Aboriginal Medical Services located in major cities are also eligible for our support.

### Location categories

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

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| 2 | Inner and outer regional Australia<br>(20km away from a town with > 50,000 people)         |
| 3 | Inner and outer regional Australia<br>(15km away from a town with 15,000 to 50,000 people) |
| 4 | Inner and outer regional Australia<br>(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

### Specialist Obstetrician

- + Evidence of Fellowship with the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RANZCOG)
- + Evidence of active participation in the RANZCOG Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programs.

### GP Obstetrician

- + General Practitioner license or registration
- + Either a DRANZCOG diploma or advanced diploma
- + Evidence of participating in accredited CPD programs
- + 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 obstetrician, please contact a Rural LAP team member on our general line or visit our website at [rurallap.com.au](http://rurallap.com.au).

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